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A barricade is placed near Unification Bridge, which leads to the demilitarized zone, near the border village of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea, Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Associated Press

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Associated Press
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North

Korea on Wednesday canceled a high-level meeting with South Korea and threatened to scrap a historic summit next month between

President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over military exercises between Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang

has long claimed are invasion rehearsals.

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U.S. intensifies pressure on Iran, sanctioning central banker

By **JOSH LEDERMAN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States intensified its financial pressure on Iran on Tuesday, slapping anti-terror sanctions on the head of its central bank and barring anyone around the world from doing business with him. That dealt a further blow to European hopes of salvaging the Iranian nuclear deal in the wake of President Donald Trump's withdrawal. Valiollah Seif, the governor of the Iranian central bank, was named a "specially designated global terrorist" along with another senior official, Ali Tarzali, who works in the central bank's international division. The Treasury Department accused the men of secretly funneling millions of dollars through an Iraqi bank to help Hezbollah, the militant network that the U.S. considers a terrorist group. Although the sanctions do not technically extend to the central bank itself, they could significantly increase Iran's isolation from the global financial system. Seif, whose role is equivalent to the Federal Reserve chairman in the U.S., oversees major financial decisions in Iran. Any transactions that involve his signature could potentially run afoul of the sanctions, creating a strong disincentive for governments or businesses considering deals involving Iran's central bank. "The United States will not permit Iran's increasingly brazen abuse of the international financial system," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said. "The global community must remain vigilant against Iran's deceptive efforts to provide financial support to its ter-



In this Aug. 20, 2017 photo, Iran's Central Bank Governor, Valiollah Seif, sits in an open session of parliament in Tehran, Iran.

rorist proxies."

Typically, when the U.S. punishes individuals with sanctions, it prohibits Americans or U.S. companies from doing business with them. In this case, the U.S. chose to also impose "secondary sanctions," which also apply to non-Americans and non-U.S. companies. That means that anyone in any country who does business with Seif or Tarzali could be punished. Yet the European members of the international accord, livid at Trump over his withdrawal, have yet to commit to that effort. To the contrary, Britain, France and Germany are working to salvage it. Their top diplomats met Tuesday in Brussels with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in a bid to keep Iran from bailing. Whether the deal can survive without the U.S. depends on whether Tehran continues to receive sufficient economic benefits by

way of business with the Europeans. Not only is Trump re-imposing sanctions on Iran, but he's also threatening to take the dramatic step of punishing European businesses that don't wind down their dealing there. That has left the Europeans in the undesirable position of having to decide whether to call his bluff. The new sanctions on central bank officials appear designed to strengthen Trump's hand, creating another avenue by which anyone doing business in Iran could risk being cut off from New York, the beating heart of the global financial system. "Trump can use this in his arguments with Europe to deter business with Iran," said Behnam Ben Taleblu, an Iran sanctions expert at the hawkish Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "All of this is another arrow in the quiver." There was no immediate comment Tuesday night

from Iranian officials.

The sanctions were expected to be followed by additional U.S. actions in coming weeks, as the Trump administration works to dismantle the main banking conduits exploited by Iran and its Revolutionary Guards to convert Iranian rials into euros or dollars. Those Western "hard currencies" can be used to fund extremist elements, such as in Lebanon and Syria. Seif, a career banker, became the head of Iran's Central Bank in 2013 under President Hassan Rouhani, who shepherded the nuclear deal. Seif frequently visits Washington to attend meetings of the International Monetary Fund. He has helped guide Iran's economy through the web of previous sanctions placed on that country. In the aftermath of the 2015 international accord, in which nuclear sanctions on Iran were lifted, Seif was a prominent voice complain-

ing that Iran was still being kept out of the global financial system and not receiving the economic benefits it was promised in exchange for curtailing its nuclear program.

In a 2016 meeting of the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, Seif said Iran achieved "almost nothing" from the deal.

The Treasury said Seif undermined the central bank's credibility by routing millions of dollars from the Quds Force, the expeditionary unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, to al-Bilad Islamic Bank, which is based in Iraq.

Those funds were then used to "enrich and support the violent and radical agenda of Hezbollah," Treasury said.

Al-Bilad Islamic Bank and its CEO and chairman, Aras Habib, were also hit with U.S. sanctions, as was Muhammad Qasir, who the Treasury said is a Hezbollah official who has been a "critical conduit" for transferring funds to Hezbollah. U.S. officials were reaching out Tuesday to central banks in other countries in the Middle East and Europe to inform them of the sanctions and encourage them to immediately freeze assets the bank has overseas. Lebanon's Hezbollah, the Shiite guerrilla force, has long helped carry out Iran's foreign policy objectives in the Arabic-speaking world. Most recently, the U.S. has been concerned about the role that Hezbollah fighters are playing in Syria to help prop up President Bashar Assad. Hezbollah fought a war with Israel in 2006, and Israeli officials have been deeply concerned about the prospect of another confrontation. □



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The surprise declaration, which came in a pre-dawn dispatch in North Korea's state media, appears to cool what had been an unusual flurry of outreach from a country that last year conducted a provocative series of weapons tests that had many fearing the region was on the edge of war. It's still unclear, however, whether the North intends to scuttle all diplomacy or merely wants to gain leverage ahead of the planned June 12 talks between Kim and Trump.

The statement by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency was released hours before the two Koreas were to meet at a border village to discuss how to implement their leaders' recent agreements to reduce military tensions along their heavily fortified border and improve their overall ties.

It called the two-week Max Thunder drills, which began Monday and reportedly include about 100 aircraft, an "intended military provocation" and an "apparent challenge" to an April summit between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, when the leaders met on their border in their countries' third-ever summit talks since their formal division in 1948. KCNA said the U.S. aircraft mobilized for the drills include nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and stealth F-22 fighter jets, two of the U.S. military assets it has previously said are aimed at launching nuclear strikes on the North.

"The United States must carefully contemplate the fate of the planned North Korea-U.S. summit amid the provocative military

ruckus that it's causing with South Korean authorities," the North said Wednesday. "We'll keenly monitor how the United States and South Korean authorities will react."

Annual military drills between Washington and Seoul have long been a major source of contention between the Koreas, and analysts have wondered whether their continuation would hurt the detente that, since an outreach by Kim in January, has replaced the insults and threats of war.

Earlier — and much larger — springtime drills, which Washington and Seoul toned down, went off without the North's typically fiery condemnation or accompanying weapons tests.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department emphasized that Kim had previously indicated he understood the need and purpose of the U.S. continuing its long-planned exercises with South Korea.

State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said the U.S. had not heard anything directly from Pyongyang or Seoul that would change that.

"We will continue to go ahead and plan the meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong Un," Nauert said.

Army Col. Rob Manning said this current exercise is part of the U.S. and South Korea's "routine, annual training program to maintain a foundation of military readiness."

Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, said the purpose of Max Thunder and exercise Foal Eagle — another training event — is to enhance the two nations' abilities to operate together to defend South Korea.

"The defensive nature of these combined exercises has been clear for many decades and has not changed," said Manning. Washington and Seoul delayed an earlier round of drills in the spring because of the North-South diplomacy surrounding February's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in the South, which saw Kim send his sister to the opening ceremonies. □



South Korean army soldiers look toward North's side as ribbons hanging on a wire fence wishing for the reunification of the two Koreas at the Imjingak Pavilion in Paju near the border village of Panmunjom, South Korea, Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

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CIA nominee toughens interrogation stance, picks up support

By **LISA MASCARO and DEB RIECHMANN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's CIA nominee appeared to be on a path toward confirmation as she picked up support from key Democrats Tuesday and toughened her public stance against harsh interrogation. "With the benefit of hindsight and my experience as a senior agency leader, the enhanced interrogation program is not one the CIA should have undertaken," Gina Haspel said in written answers to more than 60 questions released by the Senate intelligence committee.

Haspel, who was involved in supervising a secret CIA detention site in Thailand, wrote that she had learned "hard lessons since 9/11." In comments aimed at clarifying her position on now-banned torture techniques, Haspel said that she would "refuse to undertake any proposed activity that is contrary to my moral and



In this May 9, 2018 photo, CIA nominee Gina Haspel testifies during a confirmation hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

ethical values."

"I do not support use of enhanced interrogation techniques for any purpose," Haspel wrote.

The Senate intelligence committee is expected to vote Wednesday to recommend that the full Senate confirm her.

Confirmation by the full Senate appeared likely as five Democrats — Mark Warner of Virginia, Joe Manchin of

West Virginia, Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Bill Nelson of Florida and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota — announced their support. The only Senate Republicans who are not expected to vote for her are Kentucky's Rand Paul and Arizona's John McCain, who is battling cancer.

In announcing his support Tuesday, Warner, the top Democrat on the intel-

ligence committee, said Haspel has been "professional and forthright" with the panel. "Most importantly, I believe she is someone who can and will stand up to the president if ordered to do something illegal or immoral — like a return to torture," Warner said.

Haspel testified at a Senate hearing that torture does not work as an interrogation technique and that, as director, her strong "moral compass" would ensure she did not carry out any administrative directive she found objectionable. Her written answers to questions went further to underscore her opposition to any attempt to reinstate harsh interrogation of suspects. McCain, who was beaten as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War, has urged colleagues to reject the nominee over her past role in CIA interrogations. After the hearing, McCain issued a statement calling Haspel a patriot for her three decades of service to

the CIA. Still, McCain said her role "in overseeing the use of torture by Americans is disturbing. Her refusal to acknowledge torture's immorality is disqualifying."

In announcing her support, Heitkamp said it was not an easy decision. "Ms. Haspel's involvement in torture is deeply troubling, as my friend and colleague, John McCain, so eloquently reminded us," Heitkamp said. "However, Ms. Haspel explained to me that the agency should not have employed such tactics in the past and has assured me that it will not do so in the future." Haspel's nominee has sparked a fresh debate over brutal interrogation practices. Trump himself has said the country should consider resuming the use of harsh interrogation techniques. And former Vice President Dick Cheney, who was integral to the post-Sept. 11, 2001, strategy, said last week if it were up to him, "I'd do it again." □

EPA inspector general investigating Pruitt email accounts

By **ELLEN KNICKMEYER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency's inspector general is opening an investigation into Administrator Scott Pruitt's use of multiple email accounts.

Inspector General Arthur Elkins said in a letter released Tuesday that his office will review the matter, the latest in a series of federal investigations of Pruitt's travel, security and spending

and other issues.

The request for the email investigation came from Democratic Sens. Tom Carper of Delaware and Jeffrey Merkley of Oregon. Carper released a copy of the IG's response.

The senators asked the IG to review whether Pruitt was complying with federal law and EPA policy when using multiple email accounts and whether all accounts are searched when responding to Freedom of

Information Act requests.

EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Tuesday that the agency does not comment on matters before the inspector general. He referred to a previous statement that EPA has three emails accounts for Pruitt, two used by staff for maintaining his calendar and public correspondence and the third for Pruitt himself.

"When we receive a FOIA request all accounts are

searched before we respond to the FOIA request," he said.

A House committee and the Government Accountability Office also are conducting investigations and audits related to Pruitt's actions as EPA chief.

Last month, the Republican chairman of a Senate oversight committee, Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, issued a letter asking Pruitt to disclose all his email addresses and affirm that all

were being searched in response to Freedom of Information Act requests. □



Passenger helps subdue naked man on flight to Alaska

By DAN JOLING
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A passenger on an Alaska Airlines flight from Seattle to Anchorage, Alaska, looked up from his audio book to see a naked man yelling and heading toward the cockpit. "I thought it was some kind of attack," Nick Steffl said. When the naked man reversed course Monday night and ran to the rear of the jet, Steffl confronted him. Another passenger helped restrain the man and the jet landed safely about 45 minutes later. The man was transported to an Anchorage hospital. Steffl, 30, was on his way to Alaska for a summer tourism job. He said Tuesday the incident in retrospect had elements of humor but was not funny high in the sky. The man was assigned a

seat two rows ahead of Steffl near the back of the jet. Steffl noticed the man watching a movie he'd seen, "The Disaster Artist." The movie contains a prominent scene with actor James Franco naked. Steffl did not see the man remove his clothes but looked up to see him 15 rows ahead, running forward. "I heard him whooping and hollering like he was having a good time, 'Woo-hoo,'" Steffl said. Steffl weighs about 185 pounds (84 kilograms). He guessed the naked man was about 22 years old and only about 140 pounds (63.5 kilograms). Steffl unbuckled his seat belt and stood in front of him. The young man went into "bro" mode, Steffl said. "He said, 'Hey man, what's going on?'" Steffl said. "And my adrenaline is just



This selfie photo provided by Nick Steffl was taken in Fairbanks, Alaska, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

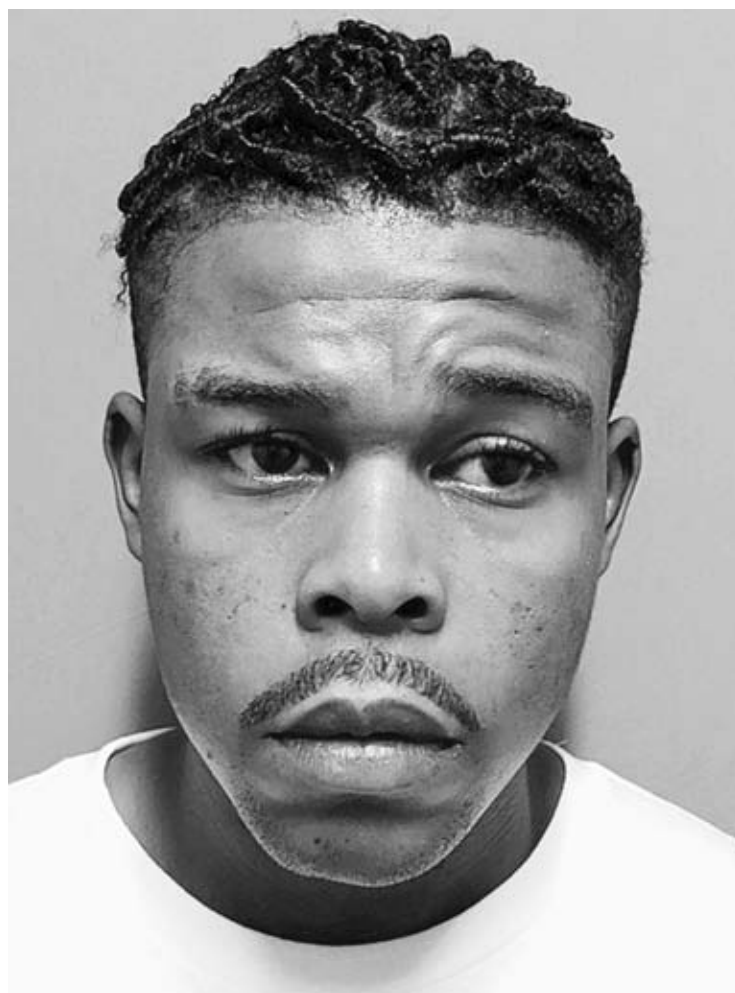
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pumping. I'm in flight response, after a guy's running toward the cockpit after a post 9/11 flight. I was almost raging at that point." In a profanity-laced question, Steffl asked the man what he was doing. The man replied with a "smartass" response. Steffl slapped him. The young man was never violent. "I was the one that got violent," Steffl said. "I slapped him across the face and he was like, 'Oh, I like it.'" Within seconds,

another passenger, possibly the young man's father, pinned his arms behind him and escorted him to the crew work area, Steffl said. Flight attendants swarmed in and may have restrained him. Out of sight, the man shouted out crazy things the rest of the flight, Steffl said. Airport spokeswoman Trudy Wassel said airport police responded to a "medical" incident on the flight but that confidentiality rules prohibited her from additional comment. □

Man accused of killing Italian tourist mistakenly released

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas authorities are searching for the man accused of killing an Italian tourist after he was mistakenly released from prison two months ago. A judge issued a new arrest warrant Friday for Andre Jackson, who was released from prison in March after completing a sentence for a separate crime, KATV-TV reported. He's charged with capital murder and aggravated robbery in the death of Carlo Marigliano, who was found fatally shot in Little Rock in July. Marigliano's cousin said prosecutors alerted his family of the mistake on Friday, and they feel like they have to relive the death all over again. "I'm amazed something like this would happen," said Gianni Sulmonte, who lives in Maryland. "If you were charged this way, you may not be able to bond out. But this guy, he just got woken up first thing



This file photo provided by the Little Rock Police Department shows Andre Jackson.

Associated Press

in the morning and probably walked right out wondering, 'What the heck just happened to me?'" Marigliano was traveling with friends in the U.S. last year before leaving the group to visit other areas on his way to Arizona, according to his family. He was killed near an apartment complex in Little Rock, according to police. Arkansas Department of Correction spokesman Solomon Graves said the department checked for other convictions or warrants, but nothing turned up before Jackson was released from prison on March 16. Jackson was due in court on Monday for a hearing on a mental health evaluation that was never completed. Jackson was ordered to undergo a forensic evaluation in January, "however he failed to show for his scheduled appointment," according to an April 11 letter from the Arkansas State Hospital. □

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Judge tosses California law allowing life-ending drugs

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —

A California judge on Tuesday threw out a 2016 state law allowing the terminally ill to end their lives, ruling it was unconstitutionally approved by the Legislature. Riverside County Superior Court Judge Daniel Ottholia said lawmakers acted illegally in passing the law during a special session devoted to other topics, said lawyers for supporters and opponents. He did not address the legal issue of whether it was proper to allow people to take their own lives, and gave the state attorney general five days to appeal.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra's office did not respond to calls and emails seeking comment.

The Life Legal Defense Foundation, American Academy of Medical Ethics and several physicians challenged the law, which allows adults to obtain a prescription for life-ending drugs if a doctor has determined they have six months or less to live. The plaintiffs say the law lacks safeguards to protect against abuse.

California health officials reported that 111 terminally ill people took drugs to end their lives in the first six months after the law went into effect June 9, 2016, and made the option legal in the nation's most populous state.

Oregon was the first to provide the option in 1997. It also is allowed in Washington, Vermont, Colorado,



In this Sept. 24, 2015 file photo, supporters of a measure to allow the terminally ill to end their own life march at the Capitol while calling on California Gov. Jerry Brown to sign the bill in Sacramento, Calif.

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Compassion & Choices, a national organization that advocated for the law, estimated that in its first year 504 Californians requested prescriptions for medical aid in dying, but had no further update Tuesday. The next report on how many people took the drugs is due in July.

"Our supporters, they've frankly expressed shock at this outcome. They're disappointed that this end of life option could be taken away," said John Kappos, an attorney representing

Compassion & Choices. Alexandra Snyder, an attorney and executive director of Life Legal Defense Foundation, said the judge ruled that lawmakers effectively "hijacked" a special legislative session that was called to address access to medical care and used it to pass their bill.

"Access to health care has no relationship to assisted suicide," she said, saying it set a dangerous precedent that undermines the legislative process.

Opponents have argued that hastening death is morally wrong, puts terminally ill patients at risk for coerced death by loved ones and could become a way out for people who are uninsured or fearful of high medical bills.

Democratic Sen. Bill Mon-

ning of Carmel, who carried the original legislation, said the bill was properly considered in the special session and followed "every rule of transparency and openness." Lawmakers could try to pass it again if the law ultimately is rejected by the courts, he said.

So far, he said, there has been "not a single report of malfeasance or problems." Kelly Davis' 41-year-old sister, Betsy Davis, was one of the first to use the law as she was dying of Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, that slowly robbed her of her ability to use her muscles including to swallow and communicate. She held a two-day party in Ojai to celebrate the end of her life with about two-dozen friends, giving away

her possessions and ordering her favorite foods.

"I keep thinking of all the people who are facing a terminal illness and they're considering the use of this law, and they're in limbo right now and this right might be taken away from them," Davis said.

"It gave her back control of her life, it let her die on her own terms and if this had happened leading up to her death or when she thought she'd be able to use the law, she would have been devastated."

The state's attorney general's office said in court papers that medical professionals have the right to refuse to prescribe and dispense the drugs. Under the law, the terminally ill person must be able to self-administer the drugs. □

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Maryland bans 'gay conversion therapy' for minors

By BRIAN WITTE
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) —

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan signed a bill into law on Tuesday to prohibit health professionals from practicing "gay conversion therapy" on minors, as a growing number of states and municipalities are banning it.

Maryland is the 11th state to enact legislation against the practice of trying to alter a person's sexual orientation through psychological intervention. Supporters of the ban note the therapy is widely discredited by medical and mental health associations. The law will classify the practice as unprofessional conduct.

Supporters say the measure will help protect youths from depression, anxiety and potential suicide by preventing them from being forced into such treatment.

"I think it's fantastic, because it will save the lives of young people in our state," said Sen. Richard Madaleno, a Democrat who sponsored the bill.

Madaleno noted that suicide is the second-leading cause of death for young people.



Maryland Del. Meagan Simonaire poses in the Maryland State House in Annapolis, Md., on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, after Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan signed legislation to ban "gay conversion therapy" for minors.

Associated Press

"For LGBT youth, it is an all-too prevalent situation, and it's a significant move forward to say: 'You know what, be who you are,'" he said.

Del. Meagan Simonaire, a Republican, spoke on the House floor about the pain she experienced when her parents recommended the therapy to her when she told them she was bisexual. She told her colleagues last month that while she never had the therapy, the

thought that her parents believed they could "fix her" was enough to cause deep depression.

Simonaire said she was excited to see the governor, a fellow Republican, sign the bill.

"I'm so proud of everyone's hard work," Simonaire said. "It's been a long time coming."

Mathew Shurka, an activist who has campaigned for the measure and experienced conversion therapy

for five years between the ages of 16 and 21, said the new law marks another step toward ending the practice.

"We know 700,000 people in the United States have been through conversion therapy, and 78,000 teenagers will go through it in the next five years, and this is getting us closer to zero," Shurka said.

California, Connecticut, Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington also have laws on the books, as well as the District of Columbia. New Hampshire and Hawaii recently passed similar measures that have gone to the governor in those states. □



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Muslim fasting month of Ramadan to start Thursday

By **AYA BATRAWY** and **ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI**
Associated Press
RIYADH, Saudi Arabia
(AP) — Millions of Muslims

around the world will begin the fasting month of Ramadan on Thursday.

Saudi Arabia and other Muslim nations, like Indonesia, declared Ramadan would not begin Wednesday based on a moon-sighting methodology. That means the month of dawn-to-dusk fasting will most likely begin Thursday.

The Ramadan fast, in which food and even water is prohibited, falls on especially long summer days this year for Muslims in the Northern Hemisphere. For Muslims who live in regions where Islam is not the dominant religion, challenging fasts are believed to come with greater blessings.

Fasting is intended to bring the faithful closer to God and remind them of those less fortunate. It is also a chance to kick addictions like caffeine and cigarettes.

During the day, Muslims must abstain from eating, drinking, sex, gossip and cursing, and are encouraged to focus on meditative acts like prayer, reading the Quran and charity. There are exceptions to fasting for children, the elderly, the sick, women who are pregnant, nursing or menstruating, and people travelling.



Members of the Malaysian Islamic authority perform "Rukyah Hilal Ramadan," the sighting of the new moon to determine the start of the holy fasting month of Ramadan in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Muslims follow a lunar calendar, and a moon-sighting methodology can lead to different countries declaring the start of Ramadan a day or two apart. Religious authorities in Egypt and Syria both declared the fast would begin Thursday. Traditionally, countries announce if their moon-sighting council spots the Ramadan crescent the evening before fasting begins. The kingdom's announcement was made on Saudi state TV and by other state-run media.

Fasting during Ramadan is one of the five obligatory pillars of Islam, along with the Muslim declaration of faith, daily prayer, annual charity and performing the hajj pilgrimage in Mecca. Many donate their annual charity, known as "zakat," during Ramadan.

In many Middle Eastern countries, the wealthy help distribute free meals for the poor, with mosques and volunteers passing out juice and food to pedestrians and anyone, Muslim or non-Muslim, in need of the

aid or simply breaking their fast.

Muslims typically break their fast as the Prophet Muhammad did some 1,400 years ago, by eating sweet dates and drinking water, followed by a sunset prayer. Ramadan is also a time of feasting with family and friends. In the Middle East, worshippers pack mosques for nightly prayers before heading home to watch Ramadan television specials.

It's common practice across many Muslim-major-

ity nations for liquor stores and hotels to curb the sale of alcohol during Ramadan. Often, restaurants shutter their doors during the day.

In the United Arab Emirates, where foreigners outnumber locals, restaurants put up curtains out of respect to those who are fasting, and expats are encouraged not to eat in public view of those fasting.

Muslims celebrate the end of Ramadan with a three-day holiday called Eid al-Fitr. □

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Europe, Iran say push to save nuclear deal off to good start

By **RAF CASERT** and **LORNE COOK**

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Major European powers and Tehran committed Tuesday to keep working together to save the Iran nuclear deal despite U.S. President Donald Trump's determination to kill it off.

European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini and the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany said after talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif that salvage efforts focused on economic, business and banking issues could produce "practical solutions in the next few weeks."

"There was awareness of the urgency," Mogherini said after the meeting in Brussels.

"If I can use the metaphor that some raised around the table, we all have a relative in intensive care and we all want to get him or her out of intensive care as soon as possible," she said. Germany, France and Britain all are signatories of the 2015 deal, which was meant to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. The U.S. pulled out of the pact last week and promised to impose tough economic sanctions on Iran.

Mogherini said "expert talks" on relevant financial and economic issues such as banking transactions and oil would begin soon and the deputy foreign ministers from the three Eu-

ropean nations and Iran would meet in Vienna next week.

"We reaffirmed together our resolve to continue to implement the nuclear deal in all its parts, in good faith, and in a constructive atmosphere," she said.

Said Iran's Zarif: "We are on the right track. A lot depends on what we can do within the next few weeks." The steps forward underscored the EU's hopes that diplomacy and the promise of economic benefits might keep Iran in the fold of a nuclear deal that Europe sees as essential to security.

"It won't be easy, that's clear to all of us. But if we want to stay in this agreement and ensure that Iran stays in this agreement and abides to the terms of the agreement, then we need to talk about this," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said.

At the same time, the European diplomats wanted to show they weren't gullible and wouldn't drop other divisive issues with Tehran, including its role in the Syria conflict.

"I want to stress we are under no illusion about the stuff Iran gets up to in the region, in the Middle East. We have no illusions about Iran's disruptive behavior, but we think we can tackle those in other ways," British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson said.

Mogherini agreed at the end of a long day of diplomatic meetings.

"As you know very well, we have many other disagree-



European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini, right, meets with Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif prior to a meeting of the E-3 and Iran at the Europa building in Brussels on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Associated Press

ments," she said. But, she added, "with the nuclear deal in place we have better chances to address any other issues we have to address with Iran."

Trump's withdrawal from the deal has imperiled not only the accord, but the threat of sanctions could trickle down to European companies doing business with Iran.

"We have to accept, be realistic about the electrified rail, the live wire of American extraterritoriality and how that can serve as a deterrent to businesses," Johnson said.

The European Commission has been examining measures to counter the introduction of any U.S. sanctions that could harm European businesses. The

commission is expected to unveil them to EU leaders at a summit in Sofia, Bulgaria, on Wednesday.

Among them is the possible use of an EU "blocking regulation" which would, in essence, ban European companies from respecting American sanctions when the sanctions might damage EU interests, notably trade and the movement of capital.

The regulation, which has been brandished as a threat in the past but never used, was drawn up more than 20 years ago and would have to be revised. It is unclear how well the measure could be enforced, given that big multinationals are likely to be doing more business in the U.S. than they are in Iran

and may be unwilling to compromise that market access.

The EU's energy commissioner is also traveling this week to Iran to discuss strengthening European energy support to Iran. □

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As Gaza death toll rises, Israeli tactics face scrutiny

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's high-tech military is coming under scathing international criticism for its use of live fire that killed scores of Palestinian protesters across a border — even if the protesting Gazans were burning tires, launching fiery kites into Israeli farms and in some cases trying to rip apart a border fence. The Israeli army has staunchly defended its actions. It points to the violent history of Gaza's Hamas rulers, says there have been bombing and shooting attacks against its forces and fears a mass border breach. It also says that in the open terrain of the Gaza border, with troops easily exposed, its military options are limited. But with the death toll rising, and hundreds of unarmed people among the casualties, the criticism is mounting. Here is a closer look at the debate over Israel's use of live fire:

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

The border protests are aimed largely at breaking a decade-old blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt against Hamas. The blockade, which Israel says is needed to keep Hamas from arming, has decimated Gaza's economy. Since the Hamas-led protests began on March 30, more than 110 Palestinians have been killed and more than 2,500 wounded by live fire, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. On Monday alone, 59 people were killed and over 1,200 wounded — making it by far the bloodiest day



Israeli firefighters extinguish tractor fires in a farmland set on fire by a kite with attached burning cloth launched from Gaza on the Israeli side of the border, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Associated Press

of cross-border violence since a 2014 war between Hamas and Israel. The vast majority of the casualties have been unarmed protesters, according to Palestinian officials.

ANGRY REACTIONS

Monday's bloodshed triggered widespread criticism from around the world, with many countries, including European allies like Germany and Belgium, accusing Israel of using disproportionate force and calling for independent investigations. The U.N. Security Council held a special session that began with a moment of silence for the Palestinians who were killed. In Geneva, the U.N. human rights office said Israel has repeatedly violated international norms by using deadly live fire to repel protesters. Office spokesman Rupert Colville said rules under in-

ternational law "have been ignored again and again" and that lethal force should only be a "last resort."

"It seems anyone is liable to be shot dead or injured: women, children, press personnel, first responders, bystanders," he said. In Israel, six human rights groups have asked the Supreme Court to declare as unlawful any regulations that allow soldiers to open fire at unarmed civilians. Hassan Jabareen, general director of Adalah, one of those groups, said soldiers are supposed to use lethal force only if their lives are in immediate danger. He said the large number of people shot far from the border or struck in their upper bodies has raised additional questions about military policies. "They are shooting in an arbitrary way for two reasons, to punish and to deter," he said.

ISRAEL'S RESPONSE

Israel says it uses live fire only as a last resort. It says it begins with verbal warnings and leaflets dropped from the sky that urge people to stay away from the border, and then resorts to "non-lethal" tactics such as tear gas to disperse the crowds. The military says snipers are permitted to open fire only when all other means have failed. Snipers are supposed to aim at protesters' legs and can shoot only with approval from a commander. Military officials say that tear gas is often ineffective in the windy conditions. It says it needs to keep its soldiers far from the crowds, and that other non-lethal means, such as rubber-coated bullets, are ineffective from a long distance.

THE HAMAS FACTOR
The Israeli military says the protests are taking place

in the context of a long-running armed conflict with Hamas, an Islamic militant group that has fought three wars with Israel over the past decade and killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings and other attacks. It says open-fire regulations are subject to the rules of armed conflict, which provide greater leeway for the use of lethal force. Israel says the protests are not peaceful, and that Hamas militants are using the crowds as cover to carry out attacks. Protesters have stormed the border fence, set it on fire with burning tires and ripped apart pieces of the structure with wire cutters. They have hurled firebombs and stones toward soldiers and sent flaming kites over the border to set Israeli agricultural fields on fire. One Israeli soldier has been wounded. The army on Tuesday released a video that appeared to show protesters detonating several explosions near the border. It also said its forces had killed a squad of Hamas gunmen who opened fire at troops. Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman, said 14 of those killed Monday were actively involved in carrying out attacks. Israel's greatest fear is that Hamas will stage a mass breach of the fence and enter nearby Israeli communities to kidnap or kill Israelis. Such concerns are not unfounded. In 2006, Hamas-linked militants tunneled into Israel and captured a soldier, holding him for five years until he was freed in a prisoner swap. □



Putin: New weapons will maintain Russia's might for decades

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's new weapons, including an array of new nuclear systems, will ensure the country's security for decades to come, President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday at a meeting with top military brass.

Speaking in Sochi, Putin said the new systems unveiled this year will significantly increase Russia's military capabilities and "ensure a strategic balance for decades."

The Russian leader presented an array of new nuclear weapons in March that he said can't be intercepted. They include a new heavy intercontinental ballistic missile; a nuclear-powered global range cruise missile; and an underwater drone designed to strike coastal

facilities with a heavy nuclear weapon.

He also mentioned other weapons systems, including the prospective S-500 air defense system that is meant to be precise and powerful enough to hit targets in space.

Putin said the strategic nuclear forces should receive new batches of Yars intercontinental ballistic missiles to replace the older Topol ICBMs. Also in the pipeline are modernized Tu-160 and Tu-95 strategic bombers equipped with long-range cruise missiles and the new Borei-class nuclear submarines armed with ICBMs.

The navy, Putin said, will commission more warships armed with Kalibr cruise missiles that the military tested during the war in Syria.



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks to a group of workers after driving to officially open the much-anticipated bridge linking Russia and the Crimean peninsula the opening ceremony near in Kerch, Crimea, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

The Russian president said the army will receive a range of new armored vehicles, including the new

Armata main battle tanks. The Kremlin has made military modernization a top priority as Russia-West ties

plummeted to post-Cold War lows over the Ukrainian crisis, the war in Syria and other disputes. □

Thousands protest in Bosnia over killings of 2 young men


SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Thousands of Bosnians demanded Tuesday that authorities find the truth behind the deaths more than two years apart of a Muslim and a Serb, bridging Bosnia's ethnic divide with a protest calling for an end to alleged government corruption and negligence.

Memic, 22, of Sarajevo, died in February 2016 from what prosecutors initially described as intentional homicide, but later treated as the result of a vehicle accident. Two men have been charged with driving the van that hit Memic. His father claims his son was slain deliberately and authorities protected the real killers.

Dragicevic, 21, from Serb-held Banja Luka, was found

dead in March. Police said he drowned, but Dragicevic's father insists his son was beaten and then killed. The father has led weeks of protests in Banja Luka that have challenged the government in the Serb-dominated part of the country. Authorities in Sarajevo and in Banja Luka have denied the allegations leveled by the grieving men.

Apart from a joint government, Bosnia also has separately governed Serb and Muslim-Croat entities, which were created through a peace agreement that ended the 1992-95 war between Bosnia's Serbs, Muslims and Croats. Tensions among former war foes persist more than two decades after the conflict that killed 100,000 people and left millions homeless. □



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Kellogg latest U.S. brand to ditch crisis-wracked Venezuela

By **JUAN CARLOS HERNANDEZ**

MARACAY, Venezuela (AP) — Kellogg Co. closed operations in Venezuela and laid off 300 workers Tuesday at a time of widespread hunger in the crisis-wracked South American nation.

The Battle Creek, Michigan-based company said in a statement that it ceased operations as a result of the "current economic and social deterioration" in Venezuela.

The move drew an angry rebuke from socialist President Nicolas Maduro, who accused the company of trying to sabotage his chances of getting re-elected in Sunday's presidential vote. He said he had ordered the company's plant in the central city of Maracay to be turned over to Kellogg's workers so they can continue to produce cereals.

"Why are they doing it today? Because we are four days away from elections and they think it will spook the people," Maduro said at a campaign rally, adding that he would seek the international arrest of the owners of Kellogg's Venezuelan subsidiary. "Imperialists! Oligarchs! Nobody can scare our people."

Workers arriving Tuesday for the early shift at Kellogg's factory in Maracay were surprised to find a notice taped to an iron gate informing them the company had been forced to shutter the plant. As news of the layoffs spread, Venezuela's labor minister showed up to speak with the workers.

The factory, with a giant figure of Tony the Tiger lording over the entrance, produces 75 percent of the breakfast cereals consumed by Venezuelans, according to the company's website. A spokeswoman for Kellogg's said its market share was lower than 75 percent but declined to say by how much.

Omar Rodriguez, who had spent 26 years working at Kellogg's, said he didn't know how he would feed his three children without his job.

"It's going to be a tough blow," Rodriguez said, expressing anger that the company had decided to let go of its workforce in such an impersonal manner. "What am I going to bring home? Nothing."



A statue of Kellogg's mascot, Tony the Tiger, stands behind the Kellogg's factory's fence, as workers gather outside in Maracay, Venezuela, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Associated Press

The company said it looks forward to resuming operations once conditions improve. The company has been producing cereal in Venezuela since 1961 and the market had at one point been its biggest in Latin America after Mexico, although in 2016 it deconsolidated its Venezuela business from the company's overall earnings results.

Kellogg's joins multinationals including Bridgestone, Kimberly-Clark and General Mills that have closed or reduced operations in Venezuela amid hyperinflation, shortages and a recession deeper than the Great Depression of the 1930s. □

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Guatemala: New details given in graft probe of president

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

Investigators revealed new details Tuesday night of a probe against Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales relating to purported illicit campaign financing, saying the material is sufficient to again seek to have his immunity from prosecution lifted.

Chief prosecutor Thelma Aldana said businesspeople allegedly created a

means to deliver anonymous funds to the National Convergence Front when Morales was the party's secretary-general and legal representative during his presidential run.

The announcement, made public the day before Aldana's term in office ends, puts her Morales-picked successor, Maria Consuelo Porras, in the position of choosing whether to pursue the case. "There are abundant elements to think of the possibility of beginning a hearing" on withdrawing Morales' immunity, Aldana said, adding that some documents are still pending but she believes Porras, who is to be sworn in Thursday, should be able to do so within two weeks. Morales was in Israel and did not immediately comment, but in the past he has denied wrongdoing. A presidential spokesman said there was no immediate comment. Aldana alleged that the money, some \$2 million, was channeled through a company called Nova Servicios to the party without being reported to electoral authorities as Guatemalan law requires. The businesspeople named are involved in cement, beverage, food and super-

market companies, and all have been summoned to appear before a judge in the case. "Financing political parties is not a crime. The crime is to finance political campaigns anonymously or with resources from organized crime," said Ivan Velasquez, head of a U.N.-sponsored anti-graft commission in Guatemala that is also involved in the probe. □

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LOCAL



Arikok National Park: Aruba's Cottontail rabbit on the rise?



ORANJESTAD - The Eastern Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) was probably brought over to the island by Indian settlers thousands of years ago as a source of food. This rabbit, locally known as Conew, has spread all over the island and has become part of our ecosystem. The very adaptable Conew can live in a wide variety of habitats, including Aruba's xeric scrublands, where it typically grazes on weeds and grasses.

The Aruban Conew has a brownish grey color and a distinctive white belly. This white fur extends to the bottom of the tail which becomes visible as the rabbit runs. These rabbits can grow up to approximately 40 centimeters in length over their short lifespan of 3 years. Cottontail rabbits reach reproductive maturity when they are just 2

to 3 months old. A female rabbit, called a doe, finds a suitable nest spot under a shrub or rocks and lines it with fur. She can have an average of 3 to 4 litters per year averaging 5 young each. The doe only visits her young once or twice a day to nurse her babies for a period of 2 to 3 weeks. The young reach independence at 4 to 5 weeks. The Aruban Conew is an endangered species and protected by Aruban law. The Conew is thought to have drastically declined due to an increase in human activities, habitat fragmentation and predation by the invasive Boa constrictor as well as feral cats and dogs. However, recently there seem to be more rabbit sightings in rural and wilderness areas and also in the National Park. This could be linked to a recent decline of the invasive Boa population after the

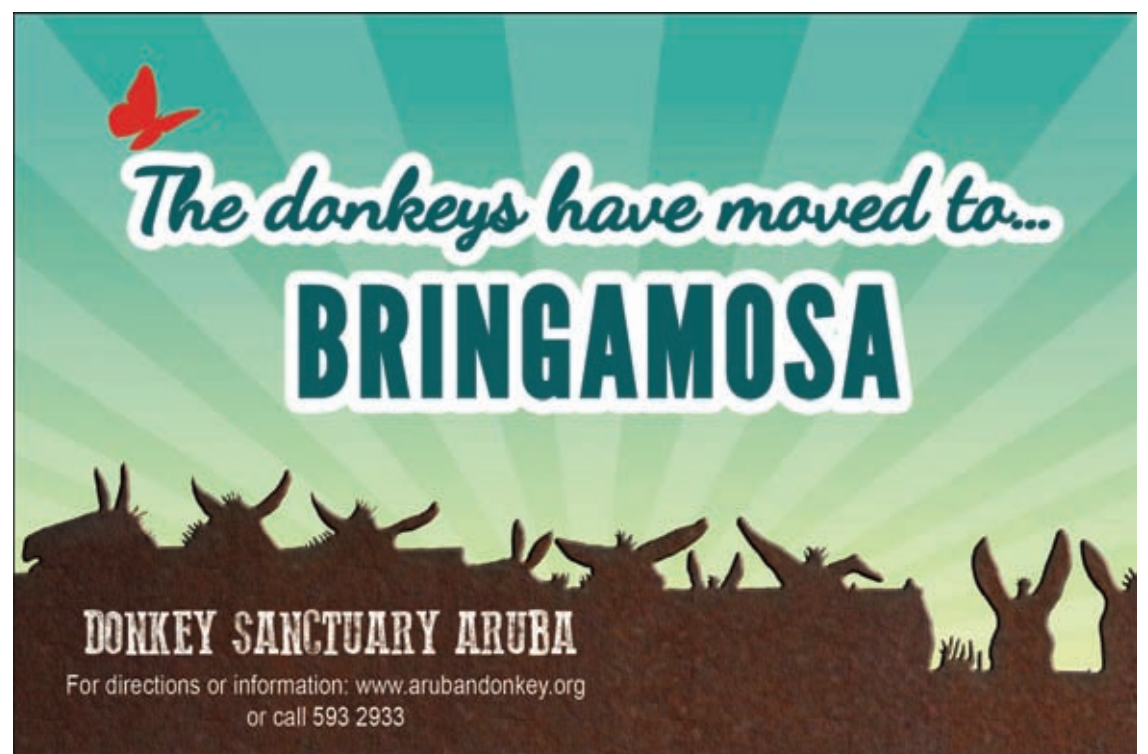
long period of drought. As the Conew can reproduce very quickly, a short break in predation pressure can lead to a fast increase of rabbits. Sadly, the Boas are back on the rise again with the truly wet rainy seasons

we have recently experienced. This could cause a new decline in the Conew population that was just starting to recover.

You can help the Aruban Conew:

- Help reduce the Boa population; Call the Park (585-1234 during office hours) or send a private message on Facebook for us to assist in removing a Boa. We can also assist in determining whether a snake is a Boa or one of our local endemic species, the Santanero or Cascabel.

- Keep your pets nearby; make sure your dog or cat is not allowed to run off and become a predator to our wildlife. You can also help reduce our feral dog and cat populations by making sure your pets are spayed or neutered.
- Always drive slowly and cautiously in rural and wilderness areas. Avoid driving in nature areas at night; the Conew is mostly active around sunset and sunrise, they are confused by headlights and you could accidentally hit one with your vehicle. □





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The adventures of Jasmira



ORANJESTAD –The National Library is very happy with a new Children's book by award winning writer and Blogger Mrs. Tina Causey-Bislick 'The search for Streya'. This colorful book is illustrated by visual artist

and fashion designer, Vanessa Paulina. We went through the pub-

lication by Tina and Vanessa and were very impressed. Such a beautiful and rich children's book by

both a professional writer and illustrator. This is just a wonderful production and a welcome addition to the collection of Caribbean children books, says a representative of the library. This story is about Jasmira, an eight year old and her brother, Joey, in search of a special sea turtle named Streya. When things get really scary Opa and Chico are there to help out. The book will soon be available for the young library members to read and is also for sale at local book-stores.


This is Mrs. Tina Causey-Bislick first Children's book but Jasmira will most probably have more adventures. Vanessa Paulina has illustrated children's books before and is a contributor to the annual Children's books Festival of the library.

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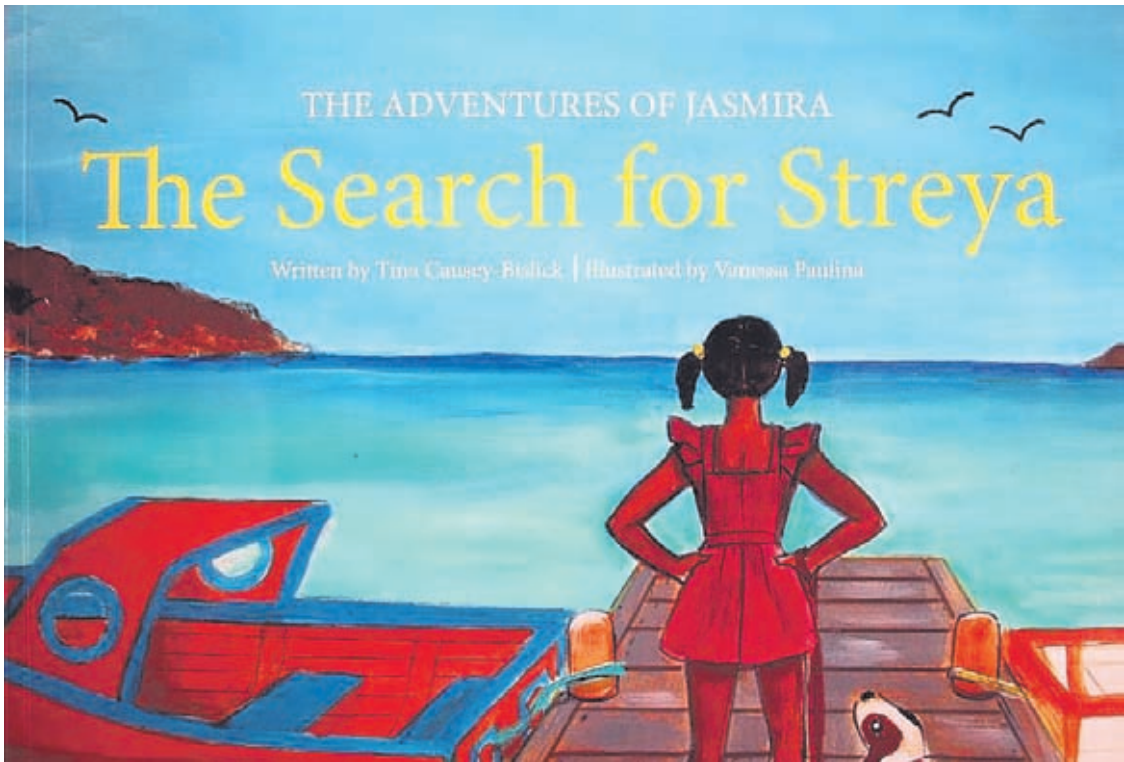


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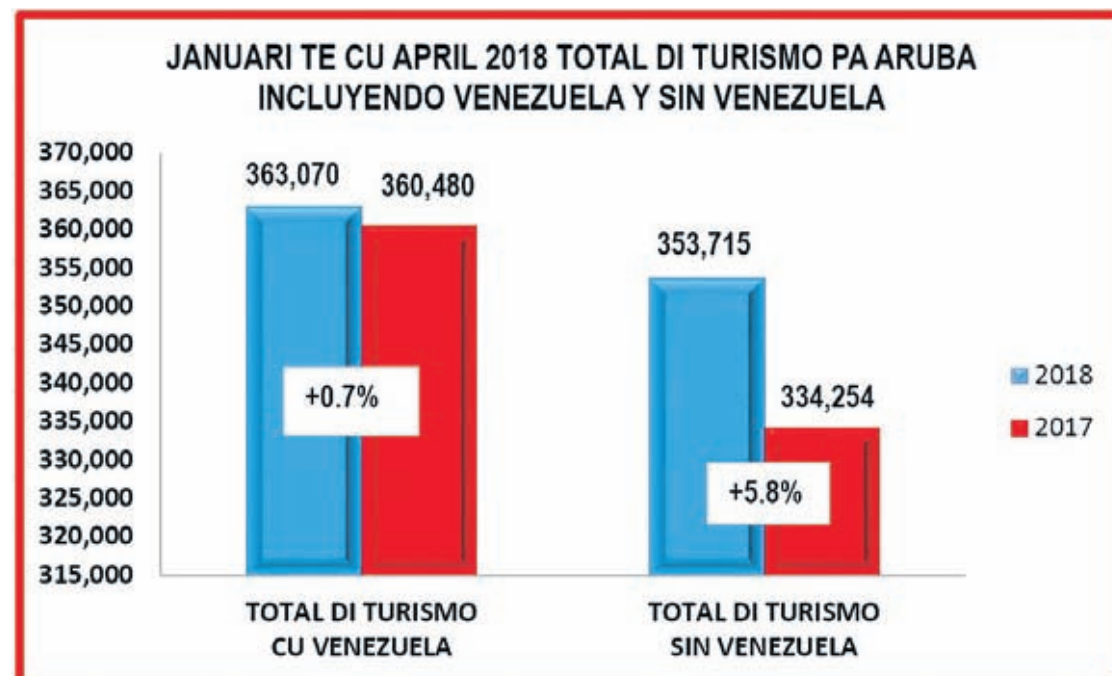
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**Aruba's Tourism has increased with 0.7% during the first quarter of 2018.
Revenue per hotel room (REVPAR) increased with 12.4% compared to 2017.**

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba welcomed a total of 363,070 'stay over' visitors in the first quarter of 2018. This is 0.7 % (+2,950 tourists) more compared to 2017's first quarter. If we exclude visitors from Venezuela, we still see a 5.8% (+19,461 tourists) increase which equals to a total of 353,715 visitors to our island. These numbers indicate growth in key markets for the island of Aruba, like U.S., Canada, Argentina, Brazil and Holland among others. For the month of April, Aruba received a total of 88,115 stay-over visitors, which is 9.21% (-8,800) less compared to the same month last year. Excluding visitors from Venezuela, shows that this is 3.4% (3058 tourist) less which is equal to 86,037 to our island for the month of April 2018. It is also essential to consider that the high season around 'Easter



'Break' or Holy Week was in March this year while last year this took place in April.

'Stay-Over' Tourism

Aruba is being represented in 3 different continents. Compared to April last year, for 2018 the tour-

ism proceeding from the North American continent decreased with 0.7% (-506 tourists/total 69,533 tourists) and brings 78.9% of the total tourism to our destination. In April, America decreased with 1.2% (-788 tourists/total 65,322 tourists)

and Canada increased 7.2% (+282 tourists/total 4,211 tourists) compared to the same month in 2017. For the first quarter of 2018, North America brought in 283,873 tourists for Aruba, which is an increase of 7% (+18,617 tourists). The Latin

American continent decreased with 39.8% (-6,705 tourists/total 10,121 tourists) where Venezuela had a decrease of 73.4% (-5,742 tourists/total 2,078 tourists) compared to last year April. Colombia decreased with 39.1% (-1,214 tourists/total 1,890 tourists) and Argentina had an increase of 6% (+138 tourists/total 2,455 tourists).

The Latin American continent brought 11.5% of the total tourism for the month of April to our island. For the first quarter, Latin America brought 43,554 tourists to Aruba, which is 26.4% (-15,607 tourists) less compared to this same period last year. For what is Europe it is noticed that the tourism decreased with 18.4% (-1,322 tourists/total 5,866 tourists) compared to the same month last year.

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Holland had a decrease of 0.1% (-3 tourists/total 3,514 tourists), and United Kingdom had a decrease of 76.7% (-1,112 tourists/total 338 tourists). This primarily because of a charter flight from Manchester-England to Aruba which fell out for 2018.

Consequently this caused that there were less seats available flying directly towards our destination from the countries inside of the United Kingdom. Germany decreased with 28.4% (-166 tourists/total 419 tourists). The European continent represented 6.7% of the tourism for Aruba in the

month of April. For the first quarter, Europe brought in 25,385 tourists to Aruba, which is 0.7% less (-190 tourists) than this same period last year.

Cruise Ship Tourism

During April 2018, 55,618 cruise ship passengers visited our destination on a total of 26 different cruise



ships. Compared to April last year, cruise ship tourism has decreased with 12% (-7,603 cruise ship tourists) in April 2017 Aruba received 63,221 visitors from 28 different cruise ships. For the first quarter of 2018, a total of 364,456 cruise ship passengers visited Aruba (an increase of 5.9% +20,312 more passengers) on a total of 160 different cruise ships (an increase of 6% +9 cruise ships).

Tourism Receipts / Central Bank of Aruba

According to Central Bank of Aruba, so called 'Tourism Receipts', for the first 9 months of 2017 (January to September) contributed with AWG 2,292.6 million to our economy, which is an increase of 4% compared to the same period in 2016.

Hotels/ AHATA

According to Aruba Hotel

& Tourism Association for the month of April 2018, the 'Average Daily Rate' (ADR) decreased with 2.4% compared to April 2017. This in numbers is US\$ 251.21 in 2017 compared to US\$ 245.13 for 2018. For the first quarter of 2018, ADR increased with 8% this in numbers is US\$ 311.21.

The income per available room, the so called RevPAR increased with 0.8% from US\$ 217.57 in April 2017 to US\$ 219.40 in April 2018. For the first quarter of 2018 RevPAR increased with 12.4% - US\$ 280.18. The occupied nights (ORN) per room increased with 3.2% in April 2018.

For the first quarter of 2018 the ORN increased with 3.8%. AHATA's numbers are based upon 14 properties including majority of Hotels with exception of the Hilton Aruba Caribbean Resort & Casino. □



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Wednesday 16 Laughter Yoga

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- 7 – 8.30 PM
- Centro Quivit, Oranjestad
- Facebook Prana Yoga & Meditation Center

Thursday 17 Barefoot Beach BBQ

- If you're not barefoot, then you're overdressed. Join the Barefoot Beach BBQ on the Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach!
- 6 – 10 PM
- Renaissance Ocean Suites Beach, Oranjestad
- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino



Friday 18 International Museum Day

- A night with lectures on the local culture of Aruba's oldest neighborhood Rancho in the light of International Museum Day.
- 6 – 8.30 PM
- National Archaeological Museum Aruba, Oranjestad
- Facebook Stichting Rancho

Sunday 20 Color Run/Walk

- Color Run is a fun untimed run/walk where the participants are showered with color powder. All the proceeds from the event will be donated to Stichting Ambiente Feliz in order to improve their entertainment area for the clients. To get to know the wonderful people of Ambiente Feliz, please visit their Facebook page.
- 4 – 7 PM
- Fisherman's Huts, Noord
- Facebook International School of Aruba
- The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach
- Facebook The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba



Monday 21 Museum of Industry

- The Museum of Industry is situated in the Water Tower in San Nicolas and narrates Aruba's industrial history which began in the 19th century. Daily tours available.
- 9 AM – 6 PM
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In this Sept. 23, 2017, file photo, Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano, right, pulls off his batting helmet after striking out to end the third inning of a baseball game as Cleveland Indians catcher Yan Gomes tosses the ball back to the mound in Seattle.

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Mariners All-Star Cano suspended 80 games for drug violation

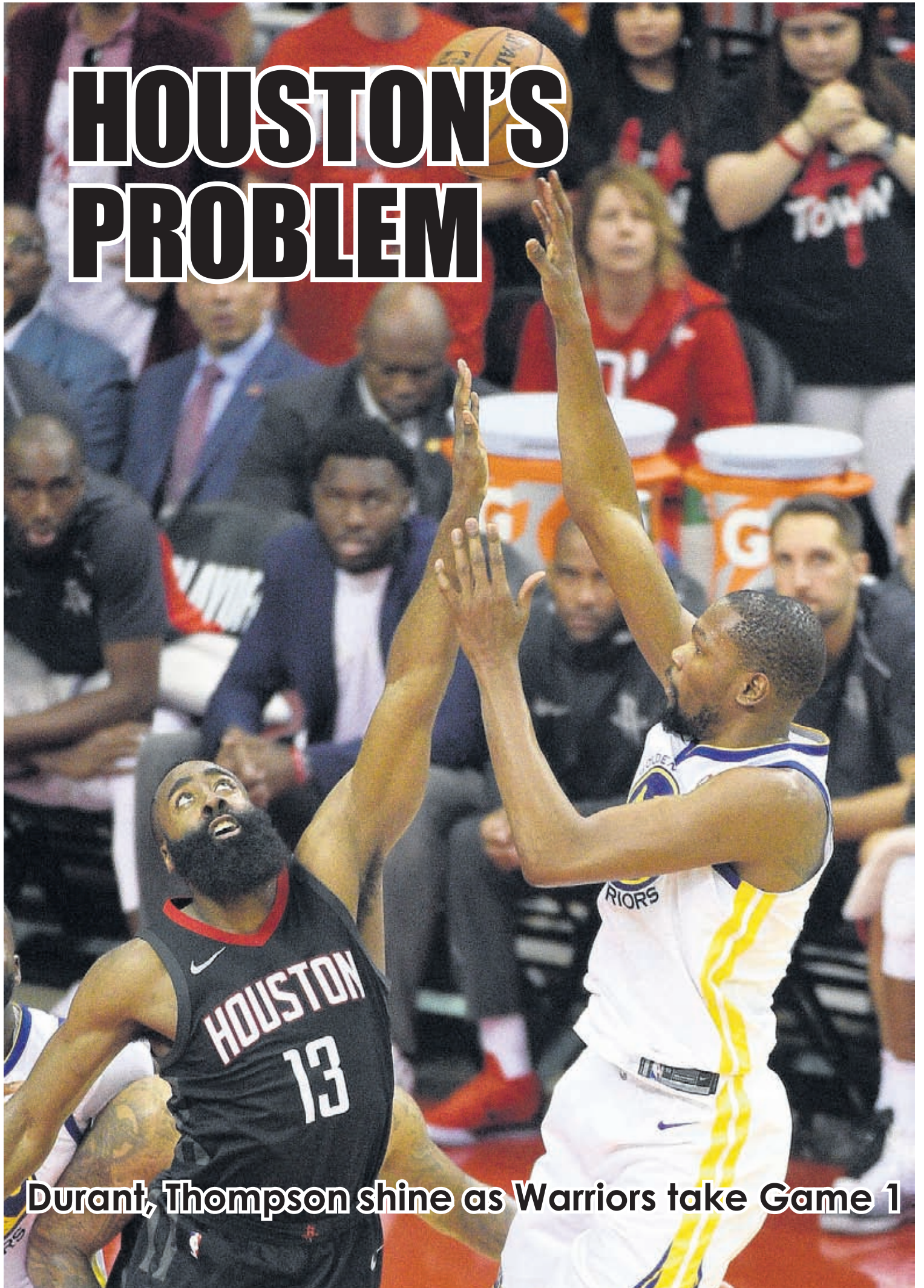
By TIM BOOTH

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle Mariners All-Star second baseman Robinson Cano was suspended 80 games for violating baseball's joint drug agreement.

The league announced Cano's suspension Tuesday, a stunning development for the stalwart in the middle of the Mariners' lineup and a club expected to contend for a post-season spot in the American League. Cano tested positive for Furosemide, a diuretic. In a statement released through the players' association, Cano said, "This substance was given to me by a licensed doctor in the Dominican Republic to treat a medical ailment." He said he didn't realize it was banned.

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HOUSTON'S PROBLEM



Durant, Thompson shine as Warriors take Game 1

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant, right, shoots over Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) in the second half during Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Finals, Monday, May 14, 2018, in Houston.

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Shapovalov shoots up the rankings with win over Berdych

ROME (AP) — Canadian teenager Denis Shapovalov pulled off another big win, overcoming a slow start to beat 15th-seeded Tomas Berdych 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) in the first round of the Italian Open on Tuesday.

Also on the red clay of the Foro Italico, three-time

to work towards for all my life," Shapovalov said. "So, to be able to do that, it's pretty crazy. Hopefully I could lead the country to a Davis Cup victory one day." Shapovalov is already the youngest player in the top 30 since Richard Gasquet reached No. 17 in 2005 at

"I just couldn't find my footing the first set. The clay is so different here," said Shapovalov, who is making his Rome debut. "But I just kept fighting, kept competing. And I'm really happy I got to turn the match around."

On a day in which the start

of play was delayed and then interrupted by rain, ninth-seeded David Goffin struggled to beat Italian wild card Marco Cecchinato 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 before a partisan crowd; 14th-seeded Diego Schwartzman eliminated Chilean qualifier Nicolas Jarry 6-4, 6-1; and

16th-seeded Lucas Pouille held off Italian wild card Andreas Seppi, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3)

Greek qualifier Stefanos Tsitsipas, who reached the final of the Barcelona Open last month, advanced when Borna Coric retired while trailing 4-1. □



Denis Shapovalov, of Canada, returns a ball to Tomas Berdych, of Czech Republic, during the Italian Open tennis tournament, in Rome, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

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Rome champion Maria Sharapova defeated 16th-seeded Ashleigh Barty 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, defending champion Elina Svitolina routed Petra Martic 6-1, 6-2, and defending French Open winner Jelena Ostapenko eliminated Zhang Shuai 6-2, 7-5.

The 19-year-old Shapovalov is coming off a semifinal appearance in last week's Madrid Open, where he beat fellow Canadian Milos Raonic in the Round of 16. Already up to a career-high ranking of 29th this week, the victory over Berdych will move Shapovalov ahead of No. 22 Raonic when next week's rankings come out — making him the top Canadian.

"It's something I've wanted

the age of 19.

Showing off his crafty game, Shapovalov made an audacious foray to the net to conclude one point with an overhead smash as he ran out to a 4-0 lead in the decisive tiebreaker. Berdych came back to make it 5-5 but the left-handed Shapovalov then drew his opponent into the net and unleashed a wicked one-handed backhand passing shot down the line. On his first match point, Shapovalov wrong-footed Berdych with another shot down the line that his opponent couldn't get back. The risk-taking Shapovalov committed twice as many unforced errors as Berdych but also hit more than three times as many winners.



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Durant's 37 lead Warriors over Rockets 119-106

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

HOUSTON (AP) — Kevin Durant continues to deliver in the postseason for the Golden State Warriors.

He scored 37 points on Monday night to lead the Warriors to a 119-106 win in the long-awaited showdown with the Houston Rockets in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals. But if it were up to him, he would have done even more.

Durant wasn't happy with coach Steve Kerr when he took him out in late in the third quarter and loudly asked his coach why he was putting him on the bench. Durant, who played just more than 40 minutes, was asked if he'd prefer to play the entire 48 minutes. "Probably so," Durant said. Kerr acknowledged that he should have left him in at that point and raved about his performance after his fourth 30-point game this postseason.

"This is why anybody would want him on their team ... I don't know what you do to guard him," Kerr said. "He can get any shot he wants." Starting a playoff series on the road for the first time since 2014, the Warriors trailed by as many as 9 early, but had evened it up by halftime and used a big run at the beginning of the fourth quarter to pull away. "We're in the Western Conference finals they are going to come out with a lot of energy," Durant said. "We're going to take that first punch and keep punching."

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Houston.

Eric Gordon opened the final period with a 3-pointer to get the top-seeded Rockets within 4, but Thompson scored the first eight points of a 13-4 run to



Houston Rockets guard James Harden (13) is stopped by Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) as he tries to score during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA basketball Western Conference Finals, Monday, May 14, 2018, in Houston.

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make it 100-87 with about eight minutes left.

Houston used a 9-3 spurt, where James Harden scored five, to cut the lead to 103-96 with less than five minutes to go. But Thompson struck again, hitting a wide open 3 to leave the Warriors ahead by 10 with four minutes left.

Harden scored 41 to lead

the Rockets, who lost at home for the second time this postseason.

"You're not going to come in and just knock them out," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "There were too many times where we had mental lapses. We didn't switch properly, turned the ball over and missed too many layups.

We need to do a better job of staying up mentally."

Now the Rockets are left to regroup after losing their leg up in the homecourt advantage they worked all season for.

"It's nice to have home court," D'Antoni said. "(But) we don't have it. Now we've got to go get it."

Steph Curry added 18 for the Warriors, who are in the conference finals for a franchise-record fourth straight time. It's Houston's first trip since 2015 when Golden State won the series in five games.

"I think he's going to get even better as the series goes on, which is good for us," Kerr said of Curry.

The Warriors, who are the second seed in the West, opened a playoff series away from Oracle Arena for the first time since 2014 when they lost to the Los Angeles Clippers 4-3 in the opening round.

Houston struggled to slow down Durant all night, and things got even worse when Trevor Ariza picked up his fifth foul with about 10 minutes left in the third with Golden State up by 3. Durant made two baskets for the Warriors around one by Chris Paul that left the Warriors up 73-68 a couple of minutes later.

"He's one of the best scorers ever," D'Antoni said of Durant. "I thought he was extremely good. But we can withstand that. We can't withstand turning the ball over and giving up so many wide open 3s."

Gordon added a layup for Houston after that, but Golden State scored the next six points, with a 3-pointer from Thompson, to make it 79-70 with about 4 1/2 minutes left in the third.

Houston ended a scor-

ing drought of more than two minutes with a dunk by Harden seconds later and the Warriors followed with another run, scoring six straight points to extend it to 85-72 with just more than two minutes left in the third. The Rockets rediscovered their offense after that, scoring the next eight points, powered by 3s from Gordon and Gerald Green, to get within 85-80 with about a minute left in the quarter.

Durant added two free throws to close out the quarter and leave the Warriors up 87-80 entering the fourth.

"Houston, they never stop," Durant said. "They are always in the game with 3-point shots. We try to get good shots every time down and defend on the other end."

TIP-INS

Warriors: Curry extended his NBA playoff record by making at least one 3-pointer in his 80th straight playoff game. ... Draymond Green received a technical early in the first quarter when he pushed Harden after a shot. ... Curry missed his first free throw of the playoffs in the third quarter after making all 19 attempts in the first two rounds.

Rockets: Paul added 23 points and 11 rebounds. ... Clint Capela had 12 points, six rebounds and two blocks. ... Gordon added 15 points off the bench.

THEY SAID IT

Draymond Green on getting the technical so early: "I was a bit overzealous, a bit amped up, but I'd rather that any day than coming out flat."

UP NEXT

After Game 2 the series moves to Oracle Arena for games 3 and 4 on Sunday and Tuesday. □



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Marchessault-led Golden Knights top Jets 3-1 in Game 2

By LARRY LAGE

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)

— Jonathan Marchessault scored twice and said the expansion Vegas Golden Knights sent a message, bouncing back with a 3-1 series-evening win over the Winnipeg Jets on Monday night in Game 2 of the Western Conference final. "Every time we need a big game as a group, we show up," Marchessault said. "We showed the hockey world we earned the right to be here."

Tomas Tatar scored 6:37 into the game for the Golden Knights and Marc-Andre Fleury finished with 30 saves.

Kyle Connor scored midway through the third period to pull Winnipeg within a goal. Marchessault restored the two-goal lead 1:28 later.

Connor Hellebuyck had 25 saves for the Jets.

After losing the series opener, Marchessault told reporters the team faced a must-win game.

"If you're going to talk out there in the media that you have to be better, I think you need to lead by example," he said. "I tried to do that."

Game 3 is Wednesday night in Las Vegas.

"I don't think anybody is panicking," Jets defenseman Jacob Trouba said. "We like our road game. We like where it was in the Nashville series."

Winnipeg won three times on the top-seeded Predators' home ice, including Game 7 last week.

The expansion Golden Knights appeared to be

rusty in the series opener and the Jets scored three goals early in a 4-2 win about 48 hours after advancing out of the second round.

It looked like they were going to pick up where they left off.

"They came out flying again with a lot of speed," Fleury said.

Fleury, who helped the Pittsburgh Penguins win three Stanley Cups, made key stops early and got help from teammate and a post in the opening minutes to keep the puck out of his net.

"Fleury had to make three or four really good saves in the first seven minutes," Vegas coach Gerard Gallant said. "We rebounded after that. We got that 2-0 lead and it was a different game for us. When teams are chasing the lead, it's tough for teams to battle back."

Winnipeg's Mark Scheifele, who has postseason-high 12 goals, got the puck past Fleury in the opening moments of the game and Vegas defenseman Nate Schmidt cleared it from the crease.

Vegas generated offense by making plays without the puck, forcing turnovers to set up goals.

"We were on them," Golden Knights forward Erik Haula said. "That's our game. We're a fast team. I think we showed that."

Indeed.

After the Jets failed to control the puck out of a corner in their end, Tatar ended up stuffing the puck in the net after hitting the side



Las Vegas Golden Knights' Tomas Tatar (90) celebrates with Pierre-Edouard Bellemare (41) after Tatar scored on Winnipeg Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck (37) during first period game 2 NHL Western Conference Finals hockey action in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Monday, May 14, 2018.

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of the net with a shot.

Connor was pressured into turning over the puck near center ice late in the opening period and Reilly Smith set up Marchessault, his former Florida Panthers teammate, at the blue line and he scored on a breakaway backhand.

"There was about 57 minutes of that game that was pretty good for us," Jets captain Blake Wheeler said. "Three minutes of it got away from us."

The Jets closed the scoreless second period and started the third on the power play and still couldn't get the puck past Fleury.

Yet, Winnipeg kept up the

pressure on by relentlessly forechecking and drew another penalty early in the third. Connor took advantage, squeezing a shot between Fleury and the post from the bottom of the left circle 7:17 into the third.

That whipped the white-clad fans into a frenzy — triggering jeers of "Fleury! Fleury!" — and were quickly quieted by another Marchessault backhand that beat Hellebuyck.

The Jets pulled their goaltender to add another skater over the last couple minutes of the game, but Fleury didn't let the puck get past him again.

NOTES: Vegas put Tatar

and Tomas Nosek in place of David Perron and Oscar Lindberg. Gallant said Perron was not a healthy scratch. "He wasn't feeling well," Gallant said. "I think he'll be fine." ... The Jets have not lost consecutive games this postseason. ... Vegas acquired Tatar from the Detroit Red Wings at the trade deadline for a first-round pick and he played in just his fifth game of this postseason and scored his first goal. "What a luxury to be able to put Tomas Tatar into a game in the playoffs," Schmidt said. "The guy has been an incredible player in this league and proved it for many years." □

A's hit 3 solo homers as Manaea beats Red Sox again, 6-5

BOSTON (AP) — Sean Manaea beat the Boston Red Sox again in his first outing against them since pitching a no-hitter, and Khris Davis hit one of three solo homers by the Oakland Athletics in a 6-5 victory Monday night. Matt Joyce and Matt Olson also went deep for the A's, who had lost five of six to the Astros and Yankees. Davis connected for his team-leading 12th home run as Oakland handed Rick Porcello his first loss of the season.

J.D. Martinez and Rafael Devers each hit a solo shot for the Red Sox.

Manaea (5-4) allowed four runs — three earned — and eight hits in six-plus innings, snapping his two-game skid. He threw the seventh no-hitter in Oakland history at home against the Red Sox on April 21.

Blake Treinen got three outs for his seventh save.

Porcello (5-1) gave up five runs and nine hits over six innings.

ANGELS 2, ASTROS 1

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Andrew Heaney struck out 10 during a career-high eight innings of four-hit ball, and



Oakland Athletics' Jonathan Lucroy follows through on a two-run double against the Boston Red Sox during the fourth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston Monday, May 14, 2018.

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Los Angeles moved percentage points ahead of Houston atop the AL West with a victory over the As-

tros.

Justin Upton singled home the tiebreaking run in the sixth for the Angels (25-16),

who beat the defending World Series champions (26-17) for the third time in four meetings this season. Houston native Justin Anderson allowed three base-runners in the ninth, but the Angels rookie still earned his first career save with help from Kole Calhoun. The right fielder caught Alex Bregman's long fly in foul territory and threw out George Springer at second, completing a double play with his major league-leading sixth outfield assist. Anderson then allowed Jose Altuve's single and walked Carlos Correa, but hung on when Yuli Gurriel grounded out.

Heaney (2-2) produced the most impressive start of his career against the powerhouse Astros, who have scored just one earned run against him in 19 career innings over three games. Lance McCullers Jr. (5-2) took his first loss in seven starts since April 6. He allowed four hits in six innings.

MARINERS 1, TWINS 0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — First baseman Logan Morrison's throwing error in the eighth inning accounted for the

only run as Seattle defeated Minnesota after a long rain delay.

In the makeup of an April 8 postponement, Dee Gordon led off the eighth with a double against reliever Trevor Hildenberger (1-1). Jean Segura laid down a sacrifice bunt and Morrison threw the ball into right field, allowing Gordon to score.

James Pazos (1-0) got the win in relief of starter Wade LeBlanc, who tossed six scoreless innings. Nick Vincent worked a 1-2-3 eighth and Edwin Diaz struck out the side in the ninth for his AL-leading 14th save in 15 chances. Twins starter Jake Odorizzi also threw six shut-out innings.

RAYS 2, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tampa Bay's Adeiny Hechavarria danced around catcher Salvador Perez with an inventive slide at home plate to score the go-ahead run.

Hechavarria dashed home on Matt Duffy's single to right field in the sixth inning, sidestepped Perez to the right, then dove back toward the plate. □



In this May 12, 2018, file photo, Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano looks skyward as he crosses home plate after hitting a three-run home run during the fifth inning of the second baseball game of a doubleheader against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit.

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CANO

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Cano is the most prominent player to be busted since Melky Cabrera was suspended in 2012 while leading the league in hitting. There have been 36 players suspended this year under the minor league drug program and six in addition to Cano under the

big league program: Houston pitcher Dean Deetz, Washington catcher Raudy Read, Pittsburgh pitcher Nik Turley, Kansas City outfielder Jorge Bonifacio, Toronto pitcher Thomas Pannone and Minnesota shortstop Jorge Polanco.

If no games are postponed, Cano would be eligible to return Aug. 14 at Oakland.

"For more than fifteen years, playing professional baseball has been the greatest honor and privilege of my life. I would never do anything to cheat the rules of the game that I love, and after undergoing dozens of drug tests over more than a decade, I have never tested positive for a Performance Enhancing Substance for the simple reason that I have never taken one," Cano said in the statement.

"Today I decided to accept MLB's suspension. This was the most difficult decision I have ever made in my life, but ultimately the right decision given that I do not dispute that I was given this substance. I apologize to my family, friends, fans, teammates and the Mariners organization."

Cano's positive resulted from an offseason test, a person familiar with the process said. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agree-

ment specifies such details remain confidential.

Because the substance involved was a diuretic, the next step was for Thomas Martin, the independent program administrator hired by the MLB and the players' association, to determine whether the use of Furosemide was an attempt to "to substitute, dilute, mask or adulterate a specimen or in any other manner alter a test," according to the joint drug program.

After Martin made that determination, the union filed a grievance last month. The case was scheduled to be heard starting Tuesday in Seattle before arbitrator Mark Irving, but the union informed MLB last Friday that Cano wanted to drop the grievance and reach a settlement, the person said. MLB Senior Vice President Patrick Houlihan and union deputy general counsel Matt Nussbaum then worked to reach the agree-

ment to accept the discipline. It's the first major strike in a career that has Hall of Fame potential. Cano was trending toward becoming one of the few current players with a chance to reach 3,000 hits in his career and has been a consummate defensive standout. Cano is an eight-time All-Star but now must deal with the stigma of a suspension. "Robinson made a mistake. He has explained to us what happened, accepted the punishment and has apologized to the fans, the organization and his teammates. We will support Robinson as he works through this challenge," the Mariners said in a statement. The timing of the suspension comes on the heels of Cano suffering the first significant injury of his tenure in Seattle. Cano landed on the disabled list Monday after breaking a bone in his right hand after getting hit by a pitch during Sunday's game in Detroit. □



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Pollock sprains thumb, to see specialist as D-backs slump

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona center fielder A.J. Pollock was injured on pinch-hitter Tyler Saladino's inside-the-park home run, and the Diamondbacks lost their sixth straight game.

Pollock dived for Saladino's line drive in the ninth inning, missed and rolled over his glove hand, spraining his left thumb. He sat in center favoring his left arm while Saladino slid head-first for the 28th inside-the-park homer in club history. A trainer led Pollock off the field. The team expected to learn more about his injury Tuesday.

Junior Guerra (3-3) allowed two runs and walked four, and the Brewers' bullpen finished up with three scoreless innings.

Diamondbacks starter Patrick Corbin (4-1) was charged with four runs on six hits and struck out eight.

BRAVES 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Ozzie Albies hit a leadoff drive for his 13th homer, Jose Bautista belted a three-run shot and Atlanta held off Chicago. Julio Teheran (4-1) pitched six innings and Tyler Flowers hit his first homer this season as NL-leading Atlanta (25-15) won for the sixth time in seven games. The surprising Braves moved 10 games over .500 for the first time since July 28, 2014.

A.J. Minter worked a shaky ninth inning for his second save in the makeup of an April 15 rainout. Minter hit Ian Happ with a pitch to force in a run with two outs,

but Kris Bryant lined out to left field to end the game. Bryant and Albert Almora Jr. each hit a two-run homer, but Jose Quintana (4-3) struggled for the Cubs. The 21-year-old Albies drove Quintana's second pitch the opposite way into the bleachers in right for his fourth career leadoff homer. The rookie second baseman also doubled and singled.

GIANTS 10, REDS 7

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Andrew McCutchen doubled in his first two at-bats to reach 1,500 career hits, and San Francisco snapped Cincinnati's six-game winning streak. McCutchen sparked a three-run first against Sal Romano (2-4) with his first hit and



Milwaukee Brewers' Tyler Saladino, left, slides safely into home plate to score a run on an inside-the-park home run as Arizona Diamondbacks catcher John Ryan Murphy, right, applies a late tag during the ninth inning of a baseball game Monday, May 14, 2018, in Phoenix.

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then drove in a run in the second inning with another double. Brandon Belt homered and drove in three runs to give the Giants con-

secutive wins following a six-game skid. Chris Stratton (4-3) wasn't much better, allowing the two homers in five-plus innings. □

Giro leader Yates gains 3 seconds but his team struggles

GUALDO TADINO, Italy (AP) — Overall leader Simon Yates gained three bonus seconds in the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Tuesday but it was a difficult day for his Mitchelton-Scott team as Esteban Chaves dropped out of contention.

Slovenian rider Matej Mohoric of the Bahrain-Merida team edged Nico Denz of AG2R in a two-man sprint to win the stage while all of the other leaders finished safely in the main pack, 34 seconds behind.

Chaves had entered the day in second place overall but dropped behind early on in the rolling 244-kilometer (152-mile) stage from Penne to Gualdo Tadino in Umbria, which was the race's longest.

Several teammates spent precious energy trying fruitlessly to escort Chaves back to the main pack.

"Chaves just had a bad

moment on the first climb of the day," Yates said. "Straight after the rest day, you don't know how the body responds. I'm very disappointed for him because he's worked hard for this Giro." Mitchelton team director Matthew White said Chaves has been struggling with throat and allergy problems.

"Now all of our energy will turn to looking out for Simon and protecting the maglia rosa (pink jersey)," White said.

Yates won an intermediate sprint and now leads defending champion Tom Dumoulin by 41 seconds with Thibaut Pinot up to third, 46 seconds behind.

"I was going to go for the bonus sprint because I need to gain time on Dumoulin but, when I saw Pinot getting a lead out, I went past him," Yates said. "I need as many seconds as I can get so maybe I

need to go for more bonus seconds." Four-time Tour de France champion Chris Froome moved up one spot to 10th, 2:30 back.

Wet roads in the finale made for treacherous conditions, causing punctures for Dumoulin and Richard Carapaz, who is fifth overall and leads the young rider classification. Both made it back to the main pack. Mohoric was part of an earlier breakaway before getting away for good in the latter part of the stage. Before the sprint, Mohoric glanced over his shoulder to check on Denz but the German never passed him and Mohoric won in slightly more than six hours.

Mohoric thanked his team, which is centered around Domenico Pozzovivo in fourth overall, for letting him go for the victory.

"I had already circled this stage before the Giro started," Mohoric said. "I felt

good all day and I'm really pleased that I took advantage of the opportunity." Irish rider Sam Bennett won a mass sprint to place third, 34 seconds behind.

The lengthy stage was a brutal wake-up call after the race's second rest day, especially with two early climbs and constant rolling terrain along the rest of the route. The route passed by the site of the Rigopiano avalanche, which killed 29 hotel guests and staff last year. Four children and five adults were pulled alive from the snow and debris days after the avalanche. Another hilly stage is scheduled for Wednesday with a 156-kilometer leg from Assisi to Osimo that concludes with a short but steep climb.

Then after a couple of milder stages, the race heats up again with a climb up Monte Zoncolan on Saturday and a gruel-



Slovenia's Matej Mohoric, right, sprints ahead of Germany's Nico Denz on his way to win the 10th stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race, from Penne to Gualdo Tadino, Italy, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

ing leg through the Dolomite Range on Sunday. The race ends in Rome on May 27. □



As newlyweds, Phyllis and I moved into a new apartment without the usual domestic objects. Neighbors, having purchased a new vacuum cleaner, donated their aged, "it does not work very well anymore" vacuum cleaner. Three points motivated me to accept this gift. One, wanting to get off on the right foot, I did not want to seem ungracious to new neighbors. Two, we did not have a vacuum, so one, even "working well anymore" was better than doing it the "elbow grease" way. And finally, as my buddy Bob reminds me, I hate throwing anything away; wanting instead to repair everything. I grew up in a car dealership; where to repair is noble. Soon, the aged vacuum cleaner lay in pieces in the corner of our sparsely furnished living room. Slowly, lint, hair and dust were removed from electrical contacts, hearing shafts, and rotors. A family tradition was born. If it doesn't work, clean it. Within days we had a vacuum cleaner that had regained its youthful vigor. Amazing how everything works better when cleaned. I am not even saying repaired, just cleaned! The same can be said about your body. We clean our

clothes, our skin, our houses, our cars, our floors, but what about our insides? We can clean our large intestines with a method called colon hydrotherapy. Since we introduced this procedure in Aruba at Viana Natural Healing Center we have seen small miracles take place.

Historically, colon hydrotherapy was a popular form of treatment among physicians in the 1930's and 40's and has been experiencing reappearance among natural physicians. "Colon lavage" was first recorded 1500 B.C., in the Ebers Papyrus, which dealt with ancient medical practices. These enemas were described as the infusion of aqueous substances into the large intestine through the anus. Hippocrates, the "father" of allopathic medicine in the fourth and fifth Century B.C. recorded using enemas as a therapy for the reduction of fevers. In the second Century A.D., Galen, one of my heroes, also recognized and was an advocate of the use of enemas while strongly criticizing his contemporaries for their ignorance, greed, and superficial knowledge of the art of medicine. Also, Pare, the French surgeon, born in Laval, whose great practical skills and humaneness distinguished him from his contemporaries, in 1600 A.D., offered the first distinction between colon irrigation and the popular enema therapy of that age. We are talking about all the true medical greats here. So what is it? Colon hydrotherapy is an

Cleanliness is next to

extended and more complete form of an enema. The treatment is designed to cleanse above the rectum to the cecum. The cecum is the first part of the large intestine, located on the lower right side of the abdomen and having a worm-shaped tube branching off called the appendix. Colon hydrotherapy involves the gentle infusion of warm filtered water into the rectum by the therapist or Natural Physician., using no chemicals or drugs. It is the natural solution to conditions, which interfere with the normal functions of the colon. The individual lies on his back, and water is mechanically infused into and out of the intestine without any assistance on the part of the patient. The out flowing water removes excess gas, mucus, infectious material and feces.

So why should a person consider colonics? An unclean, weak and poorly functioning colon is a breeding ground for disease, sickness and death. Natural Physicians will tell you that "old age starts in the colon". Serious health problems can develop if the colon is not properly cared for, and based on health statistics; colon health care in developed countries has been woefully neglected.

In the United States alone, over 400 million dollars is spent annually on laxatives. Laxatives act as chemical irritants and stimulate the muscular walls of the colon to abnormally contract to expel the irritating substances. It is very easy to

become dependent upon these drugs. The oral route of administration is the least optimal method of evacuation of the large intestine. Very important digestive processes occurring higher up in the alimentary tract (stomach and small intestine) are interfered with. Most laxatives dehydrate or force the body to lose important water. Colon hydrotherapy alternately fills and empties the colon and improves the hydration status of the patient. A very good thing, since most people's bodies are severely lacking water. Additional health statistics tell us that this year an estimated 130,000 new cases of colon and rectal cancer will be diagnosed in the United States, making it the fourth most common form of cancer among Americans.


Good colon health is as much a function of the quality of food, based on our blood type, we eat, as it is our elimination status. The Standard American/ Aruban Diet (SAD) comprised of refined, processed foods, high in saturated fats, sugar, flour, preservatives and low in fiber, inevitably causes problems for the colon. Over time, the colon loses the ability to process vital nutrients, absorb water and to eliminate fecal matter from the body, a condition commonly known as "constipation", making bowel movements infrequent, and difficult.

With constipation comes toxicity. Toxins present in the unhealthy colon can be transported into the circulatory system and soon

the body may be unable to properly metabolize food and fat, or to provide vital energy for living! Colon toxicity can be the underlying cause of many commonly reported health problems and may indicate the need for colon hydrotherapy. Symptoms include: Constipation, Backaches, Diarrhea, Skin Problems, Difficult Weight Loss, Insomnia, Hypertension, Headaches, Arthritis, Bad Breath/Halitosis, Asthma, Allergies and this list could go on.

Intestinal cleansing is a therapeutic procedure, which addresses the cause or source of many of your medical problem. Other measures, especially allopathic drugs, which treat only the symptoms, will provide only temporary relief. Colon hydrotherapy could clean and dilute the toxin load in the large intestine, resulting in a reduced burden on the liver, allowing the eliminative organs to function optimally. Colon hydrotherapy could also prevent stagnation and minimize the exposure of carcinogenic agents to the colon wall. The above combined effect may serve to rejuvenate the immunological system and truly be a pathway to vibrant health! Get the point! Your colon, together with your lungs, skin and kidneys, are designed to keep you healthy by accomplish the essential task of the elimination of toxins in the intestines, blood and lymph systems. You know the saying says "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". Now you know why. □

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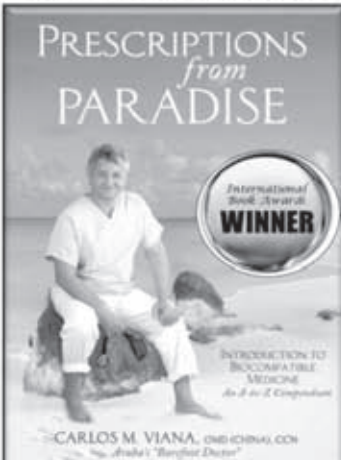


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Tech and health care lead US stocks lower; bond yields rise

By ALEX VEIGA,
AP Business Writer

Losses in technology and health care companies helped pull U.S. stocks lower Tuesday, snapping an eight-day winning streak by the Dow Jones industrial average.

The broad sell-off followed a slide in bond prices, which sent the 10-year Treasury yield to its highest level in almost seven years. That paves the way for higher borrowing costs on mortgages and other loans. The prospect of higher mortgage interest rates weighed on homebuilders, while the rise in bond yields sent shares in high-dividend paying stocks lower.

"We're of the view that we're not in a high-rate environment, we're in a less-low rate environment," said Erik Davidson, chief investment officer at Wells Fargo Private Bank. "So we're not too concerned at these levels, but that's definitely driving the market today."

The S&P 500 index fell 18.68 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,711.45. The Dow lost 193 points, or 0.8 percent, to 24,706.41. The drop pulled the 30-company average to a slight loss for the year. The Nasdaq composite dropped 59.69 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,351.63. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks finished flat at 1,600.34. The market slide comes in the midst of a strong May for stocks. The Dow is on track for a gain of 2.2 percent, while the S&P 500 is closing in on a gain of 2.4 percent. The Nasdaq is up 4 percent.

On Tuesday, it was the bond market that appeared to hold investors' focus.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 3.07 percent from 3 percent late Monday. That's the highest level since July 2011 for the yield, which is used to set interest rates on mortgages and other kinds of loans.

The surge came after the Commerce Department said retail sales climbed 0.3 percent in April. The agency also revised March sales higher to 0.8 percent from



In this April 19, 2017, file photo, specialist Anthony Rinaldi is reflected in a screen at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

0.6 percent. The retail sales data suggest that consumers are spending more after a weak first quarter. Bond yields tend to rise when investors expect faster economic growth and higher inflation.

The Federal Reserve has signaled that it will raise rates twice more this year, after having done so initially in March, and most economists foresee the next increase in June. Some Fed watchers have been cautioning that any lasting uptick in inflation or in economic growth might spur the Fed to pursue an additional rate increase before year's end.

"The stock market was due for a digestion of the gains that we've seen over the last eight trading sessions," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The rise in bond yields pulled down shares in real estate investment trusts and other high-dividend paying stocks. Essex Property Trust fell 3.4 percent to \$233.78.

It also put investors in the mood to sell their shares in

homebuilders. Mortgage rates, which have been rising this year, tend to track the movement in the 10-year Treasury yield. Higher mortgage rates can make it harder for would-be buyers to afford to purchase a home. D.R. Horton slid 6.7 percent to \$40.58.

Some banks got a boost from the higher rates, which make loans more profitable. Capital One Financial rose 1.6 percent to \$94.65.

Home Depot dropped 1.4 percent to \$187.98 after the home-improvement retailer reported weaker-than-expected sales, partly because of inclement weather, and said the second quarter got off to a slow start.

Technology and health care sector companies took some of the worst losses. Chipmaker Nvidia fell 3.8 percent to \$245.56. Drugmaker Celgene slid 3.9 percent to \$81.98.

Benchmark U.S. crude oil reversed an early slide, rising 35 cents to settle at \$71.31 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oil, added 20

cents to close at \$78.43 a barrel in London.

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from 109.66 yen late Monday. The euro weakened to \$1.1847 from \$1.1944.

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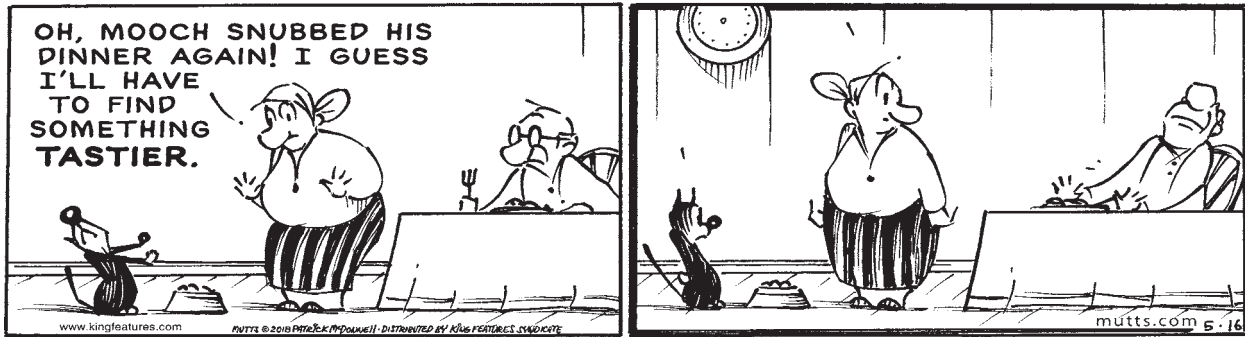
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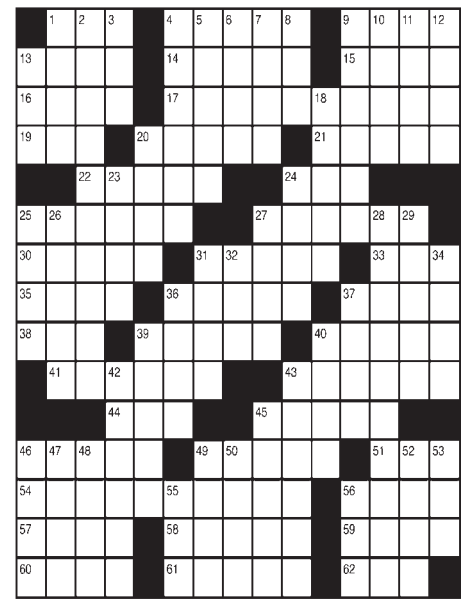
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	8	5	3	2	6	7	1	4
1	6	2	4	7	9	8	5	3
7	4	3	1	5	8	6	2	9
6	5	1	8	4	2	3	9	7
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8	3	7	5	9	1	4	6	2
4	7	8	9	1	5	2	3	6
5	2	6	7	8	3	9	4	1
3	1	9	2	6	4	5	7	8

ACROSS

- Tub
- Arctic abode
- hooky; skip school
- Clock's sound
- No longer small
- Ascend
- City in Texas
- Duchess or countess
- "Grand Opry"
- Role for Heston
- up; speaks frankly
- Gets closer to
- Prefix for fix or fabricated
- Jot down
- Lacking any vegetation
- Sudden and sharp, as pain
- Compassion
- By way of
- Tiny veggies
- Finger or toe
- Horn's sound
- up and took notice; began to pay attention
- Kitchen appliance
- Waltz or twist
- Kathmandu resident
- Prepared taters
- Falsehood
- Warm jacket
- Walk away with
- Dried fruit
- Org. for Nets and Nuggets
- Trial's written record
- Abel's dad
- Smallest continent: abbr.
- Misrepresent
- Sandwich shop
- Wagers
- Brief period of time
- Bizarre



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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DOWN

- Small bottle
- Emphasize
- Fight result, for short
- Pay no mind to
- Disgusting
- Part of the ear
- Hooters
- Dollar bill
- Fitting
- Citrus fruit
- Strong ox
- Cravings
- Four halves
- Fret
- Partner
- Dines
- Treaty
- Afternoon rests
- Indian or Arctic
- Cheese often served with fruit
- Fair; impartial
- Female relative
- Skirt for Twiggy
- "Last one in's a rotten _"

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

LESS	STACY	ODDS
OATH	HORSE	NEAT
BRIE	ADMISSIBLE	
ELF	PRAY	TOTEM
FLAKY	BAN	
SLEEPS	DANSON	
HENNA	CHEEK	RAG
AVID	GREER	LIMO
MEN	GLAND	LAGER
EGGNOG	DIVIDE	
RAW	DIVAN	
SADAT	MARE	ANT
UNASSUMING	BLAH	
MEDS	PONCE	ALDA
SWAY	ANTES	DYAN

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- Made fun of
- Valley
- Lie in the sun
- Train tracks
- Be bold
- Sows
- Fireplace shelf
- Student
- Pierce
- blue; loyal
- Vane direction
- Get ready, for short
- Irritate
- Shiny on top
- French friend
- NBC rival
- Commotion



This May 23, 2017, file photo shows a view of Walden Pond in Concord, Mass., where the 19th century American philosopher and naturalist Henry David Thoreau spent two years in solitude and reflection.

Associated Press

Thoreau's 'Walden' gets new life as a video game

By DYLAN McGUINNESS
Associated Press

Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth — err, game.

Henry David Thoreau wrote those words — most of them — in his seminal book, "Walden." They make up the objective of a video game that seeks to translate his exploits in the woods of Concord, Massachusetts, into a playable digital reality.

"Walden, a Game" is adapted from the book and launches Tuesday on PlayStation 4. It has been available on computers for almost a year.

"Obviously it's an odd or unique idea for a game," said Tracy Fullerton, who conceived the idea and led the team that created it at the University of Southern California's Game Innovation Lab.

Fullerton told The Associated Press that "Walden" is one of her favorite books, and she thinks its meaning — a tale of escaping technology to appreciate nature — is topical today.

"It seemed to be a kind of game that he was playing," Fullerton said. So she created one to mimic it.

Fullerton acknowledges the irony of trumpeting nature in a video game but said she hopes the game will be more contemplative than others.

Players drop in with a half-built cabin on the shores of Walden Pond.

From there, they can essentially decide everything they do over eight seasons (Thoreau thought a year was better divided into eight parts than four), which takes six hours of real time. They can finish building the house and toil in the fields, or they can venture out into 70 acres of virtual nature. □

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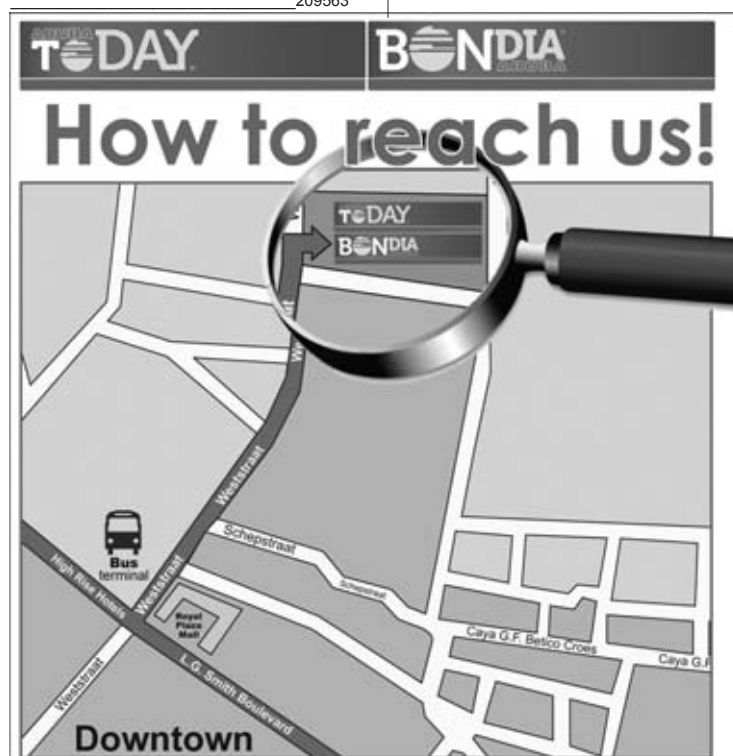
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Maine counting eagles, which recovered from brink in state

By **PATRICK WHITTLE**
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

Maine wildlife officials are conducting the largest statewide survey of bald eagles in the Pine Tree State in five years.

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists and game warden pilots are conducting the survey of the iconic bird. It nearly disappeared from Maine in the 1970s, when there were only 39 pairs remaining. There were more than 634 nesting pairs in the state in 2013.

Anecdotal evidence suggests the eagles might have improved even more in the last five years, said Susan Gallo, a wildlife biologist with Maine Audubon. Some defenders of another beloved Maine bird, the common loon, have expressed concern that more eagles could be bad for loons, but that is unlikely, Gallo said. Bald eagles



In this May 10, 2012 file photo, A bald eagle takes flight on a rainy morning in Friendship, Maine.

and loons overlap in broad swaths of their range in the U.S. and Canada, and while eagles do prey on loons, the two can coexist, she said.

"They have to keep their eyes on their chicks," Gallo said. "It's certainly not

going to be the end of loons because we have a healthy eagle population." Biologists started counting Maine's nesting eagle pairs from a plane in March. They hope to finish up with aerial survey flights by the end of May, state officials said.

State surveyors are checking on more than 1,800 sites, some of which were used as nests as long ago as the 1960s. Generations of bald eagles can use the same nesting territory over decades, the state wildlife department said.

Biologists want to find out whether the eagle population has increased, slowed or stabilized, the wildlife department said. They will also use the results to "re-evaluate the future needs for monitoring of Maine's breeding eagle population," the department said in a statement.

Bald eagles underwent heavy decline around the country in the early and middle 20th century, when they were harmed by pesticides, habitat loss and hunting. But federal protections followed, and they are now considered one of America's greatest conservation success stories. The bird was removed from the endangered species list in 2007.

The Maine survey project is funded via the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Restoration Program, which gets the money from an industry excise tax that is paid on hunting equipment. □

Singing the blues: Study of pop music finds rise in sadness



In this Nov. 2, 2017 file photo, musician Sam Smith poses for a portrait in New York to promote his album, "The Thrill of It All."

By **MARK KENNEDY**
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A study of hundreds of thousands of popular songs over the past three decades has found a downward sonic trend in happiness and an increase in sadness, as the chirpy band Wham! gave way to the moody Sam Smith.

For the report in the journal Royal Society Open Science, researchers at the University of California at Irvine looked at 500,000 songs released in the UK between 1985 and 2015, and categorized them according to their mood.

"Happiness' is going down, 'brightness' is going down, 'sadness' is going up, and at the same time, the songs are becoming more 'danceable' and more 'party-like,'" co-author Natalia L. Komarova told The Associated Press. Of course, the researchers emphasize that a gradual decrease in the average "happiness" index does not mean that all suc-

cessful songs in 1985 were happy and all successful songs in 2015 were sad. They were looking for average trends in the acoustic properties of the music and the moods describing the sounds.

Some songs with a low happiness index in 2014 include "Stay With Me" by Sam Smith, "Whispers" by Passenger and "Unmissable" by Gorgon City. Some from 1985 with a high happiness index include "Glory Days" by Bruce Springsteen, "Would I Lie to You?" by the Eurythmics, and "Freedom" by Wham!

"The public seems to prefer happier songs, even though more and more unhappy songs are being released each year," the researchers wrote.

They also found the most successful genres of music were dance and pop, as well as a "clear downward trend" in the success of rock, starting in the early 2000s.

The overall mood shifts in the songs' musical fea-

tures mirror other studies that have examined lyric changes over the years. They have found the use of positive emotions has declined and indicators of loneliness and social isolation have increased.

"So it looks like, while the overall mood is becoming less happy, people seem to want to forget it all and dance," emailed Komarova, who wrote the report with Myra Interiano, Kamyar Kazemi, Lijia Wang, Jienian Yang and Zhaoxia Yu.

The researchers also found that the "maleness" of songs — the frequency of male singers in popular music — has decreased over the last 30 years. "Successful songs are characterized by a larger percentage of female artists compared to all songs," they write.

That finding comes at a time when the music industry is wrestling with the issue of gender inequality, and men overwhelmingly dominate the ranks of artists and songwriters. □



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Insane as ever, 'Deadpool 2' doesn't disappoint

By MARK KENNEDY

At a recent screening of "Deadpool 2," the audience didn't get up when the end credits came up, patiently sitting through the scrolling names of visual effects supervisors and lighting specialists. Real "Deadpool" fans know to stick around until the ushers toss them out.

That's because the filmmakers aren't content with containing their sprawling, anarchic and subversive hero in any conventional box. No, in the world of Deadpool, even the boring end credits are studded with jokes and teases.

So hold onto your seats as Ryan Reynolds once more dons the red suit and katana swords for this saucy, overstuffed and very entertaining sequel to the 2016 massive hit "Deadpool," which became the second-highest grossing R-rated film domestically after "The Passion of the Christ." How do we know that? Deadpool happily brags about it in the new film, continuing his breaking-the-fourth-wall humor.

Just some of the other



Actors Blake Lively, left, and Ryan Reynolds attend a special screening of "Deadpool 2" at AMC Loews Lincoln Square on Monday, May 14, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

things that get derided this time are "Yentl," "Frozen," "Stranger Things," Wolverine, Jared Kushner, cultural appropriation, Brad Pitt, the Norwegian band A-ha, "Basic Instinct," "Robocop," fanny packs, "Say Anything," dubstep, "Sharknado" and Reynolds himself, who mocks his disastrous earlier decision to play

Green Lantern.

"Deadpool 2" is as gruesome and violent as the first, but perhaps the biggest victim is the very concept of superhero movies. Our anti-hero adores mocking the moral clarity, earnestness and predictable stunts of his distant cousins. And, as a Marvel property, he especially delights in lam-

pooning D.C. Comics. "So dark," Deadpool says to another superhero. "Are you sure you're not from the DC Universe?" In this film, which reunites the original writing team of Rhett Reese and Paul Warnick, we begin by finding our unkillable mercenary in the same domestic bliss where we left him. But if "Deadpool" was an

origin story, "Deadpool 2" is a quest tale and our hero this time encounters the time traveling soldier Cable (Josh Brolin), a motley crew of mutants he calls X-Force — "Isn't that a little derivative?" someone asks snarkily — and various superheroes and mutants, all set to a lively soundtrack that includes Air Supply, Peter Dinklage, "Annie" and an original song with filthy lyrics. If something can be oddly sweet while heads are being decapitated, it's this film. Some favorites from the first film are back — some only briefly — such as housemate Leslie Uggams, girlfriend Morena Baccarin and cab driver Karan Soni. The new characters don't have time to make much of an impression, except for Zazie Beetz from "Atlanta" who has a great turn as Domino, a strong, sardonic superhero who relies on luck. "Deadpool 2," 20th Century Fox release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong violence and language throughout, sexual references and brief drug material." □

'I heard angels': Henson details how she fell for her fiancé

By ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Taraji P. Henson says it was literally love at first sight when she met her new fiancé.

The "Empire" star became engaged to her boyfriend, former Super Bowl star Kelvin Hayden, on Mother's Day.

"I knew he was gonna pop the question because he all but told me himself. I just didn't know when. That surprised me. He just did it," Henson said Monday as she attended an annual event where Fox promotes its new TV lineup to advertisers.

The actress said she was introduced to Hayden by her makeup artist three years ago.

"She was like, 'You need to go out. You need to meet somebody. You're too fly. You're too amazing.' I was like, 'I don't know.' She's like,

'You're not gonna meet him at home. You need to go out.'"

The makeup artist arranged a party full of eligible bachelors for Henson to mingle with, but the star demanded to see photos first, and became enamored with Hayden.

"I was like, 'Wow, something about his eyes are so gentle.' And you know how they say you can fall in love at first sight from a picture? That's exactly what happened," she recalled. "So when we got to the actual event, I met everybody, I shook all the other guys' hands and I literally was looking for him and when he walked up to where I was it was like people parted like the Red Sea, a light came on, I heard angels and he reached out to shake my hand and we danced and we talked

and we were hanging out every day since."

Hayden played for the Atlanta Falcons, Chicago Bears and Indianapolis Colts. He won a Super Bowl for that team in 2007.

Henson says her "Empire" co-stars are thrilled with the news.

"Jussie (Smollett) came down to my room and screamed and did backflips," she said.

Terence Howard says Hayden must be special for Henson to choose to be with him.

"I've never known any person that she's worked with that's ever been able to go on a date with her, you know," Howard said. "She's that secure about maintaining her integrity, so for her to let Kelvin in, I'm like, 'Wow. That's a big move. That's a big move right there for her.'" □



Taraji P. Henson attends the Fox Networks Group 2018 programming presentation afterparty at Wollman Rink in Central Park on Monday, May 14, 2018, in New York.

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Tom Wolfe, pioneering 'New Journalist,' dead at 88

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Wolfe, the white-suited wizard of "New Journalism" who exuberantly chronicled American culture from the Merry Pranksters through the space race before turning his satiric wit to such novels as "The Bonfire of the Vanities" and "A Man in Full," has died. He was 88.

Wolfe's literary agent, Lynn Nesbit, told The Associated Press that he died of an infection Monday in a New York City hospital. Further details were not immediately available.

An acolyte of French novelist Emile Zola and other authors of "realistic" fiction, the stylishly-attired Wolfe was an American maverick who insisted that the only way to tell a great story was to go out and report it. Along with Gay Talese, Truman Capote and Nora Ephron, he helped demonstrate that journalism could offer the kinds of literary pleasure found in books. His hyperbolic, stylized writing work was a glee-



In this July 26, 2016 file photo, American author and journalist Tom Wolfe, Jr. appears in his living room during an interview about his latest book, "The Kingdom of Speech," in New York.

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ful fusillade of exclamation points, italics and improbable words. An ingenious phrase maker, he branded such expressions as "radical chic" for rich liberals' fascination with revolutionaries; and the "Me" generation, defining the self-absorbed baby boomers of the 1970s. Wolfe was both a literary

upstart, sneering at the perceived stuffiness of the publishing establishment, and an old-school gentleman who went to the best schools and when attending promotional luncheons with fellow authors would make a point of reading their latest work.

He scorned the reluctance of American writers to confront social issues and warned that self-absorption and master's programs would kill the novel. He was astonished that no author of his generation had written a sweeping, 19th century style novel about contemporary New York City, and ended up writing one himself, "The Bonfire of the Vanities."

His work broke countless rules but was grounded in old-school journalism, in an obsessive attention to detail that began with his first reporting job and endured for decades.

"Nothing fuels the imagination more than real facts do," Wolfe told the AP in 1999. "As the saying goes, 'You can't make this stuff up.'"

Wolfe's interests were vast, but his narratives had a common theme. Whether sending up the New York art world or hanging out with acid heads, Wolfe inevitably presented man as a status-seeking animal, concerned above all about

the opinion of one's peers. Wolfe himself dressed for company — his trademark a pale three-piece suit, impossibly high shirt collar, two-tone shoes and a silk tie. And he acknowledged that he cared — very much — about his reputation.

"My contention is that status is on everybody's mind all of the time, whether they're conscious of it or not," Wolfe, who lived in a 12-room apartment on Manhattan's Upper East Side, told the AP in 2012.

His literary honors included the American Book Award (now called the National Book Award) for "The Right Stuff" and a nomination for the National Book Critics Circle prize for "The Bonfire of the Vanities," one of the top 10 selling books of the 1980s. Its 1998 follow-up, "A Man in Full," was another best-seller and a National Book Award nominee.

Wolfe satirized college misbehavior in "I Am Charlotte Simmons" and was still at it in his 80s with "Back to Blood," a sprawling, multicultural story of sex and honor set in Miami.

Wolfe, the grandson of a Confederate rifleman, began his journalism career as a reporter at the Springfield (Mass.) Union in 1957. But it wasn't until the mid-1960s, while a magazine writer for New York and Esquire, that his work made him

a national trendsetter. As Wolfe helped define it, the "new journalism" combined the emotional impact of a novel, the analysis of the best essays, and the factual foundation of hard reporting. He mingled it all in an over-the-top style that made life itself seem like one spectacular headline.

"She is gorgeous in the most outrageous way," he wrote in a typical piece, describing actress-socialite Baby Jane Holzer.

"Her hair rises up from her head in a huge hairy corona, a huge tan mane around a narrow face and two eyes opened — swock! — like umbrellas, with all that hair flowing down over a coat made of ... zebra! Those motherless stripes!"

Wolfe traveled during the '60s with Ken Kesey and the Merry Pranksters for his book on the psychedelic culture, "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test." One of his best-known magazine pieces, "Radical Chic: That Party at Lenny's," took a pointed look at fund-raising for the Black Panther Party by Leonard Bernstein and other wealthy whites. And no one more memorably captured the beauty-and-the-beast divide between the Beatles and the Rolling Stones: "The Beatles want to hold your hand," he wrote, "but the Rolling Stones want to burn down your town!"

Wolfe had many detractors — including fellow writers Norman Mailer and John Updike and the critic James Wood, who panned Wolfe's "big subjects, big people, and yards of flapping exaggeration. No one of average size emerges from his shop; in fact, no real human variety can be found in his fiction, because everyone has the same enormous excitability."

But his fans included millions of book-buyers, literary critics and fellow authors.

"He knows everything," novelist Kurt Vonnegut once wrote of Wolfe. "... I wish he had headed the Warren Commission.

We might then have caught a glimpse of our nation." □

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Modigliani painting fetches \$157 million at auction

By VERENA DOBNIK

NEW YORK (AP) — A 1917 painting by Amedeo Modigliani of a reclining nude woman that was once considered obscene in Paris sold for over \$157 million at an auction in Manhattan on Monday.

"Nu couche (sur le cote gauche)" was the highlight of Sotheby's "Impressionist & Modern Art" sale featuring Pablo Picasso works spanning seven decades, and paintings by Claude Monet, Edvard Munch and Georgia O'Keeffe.

Modigliani shocked Europe at the turn of the 19th century with his series of 22 nudes reclining in every possible position. When the Italian-born, Jewish artist's nudes were unveiled at a Paris gallery, police demanded that it be shut down, offended by the unflinching strokes of his oil brush that thrust art's nude figure into the modern era. In the past half-dozen years, prices for Modigliani's works have soared, from \$26 million the current owner paid for "Nu couche (sur le cote

gauche)" in 2003 to as much as \$170 million.

Picasso's "Le Repos," an image of his lover and "golden muse," Marie-Therese Walter, sold for \$40 million. It was one of 11 Picasso works that were offered Monday evening.

Claude Monet's "Matinee sur la Seine" (Morning on the Seine), part of a lineup of river landscapes he painted while on a boat, capturing the changing light from sunrise to a lightning storm, brought in \$20.6 million. Both Munch's "Summer



This 1917 oil painting, "Nu couche (sur le cote gauche)" by Amedeo Modigliani, was auctioned at Sotheby's in New York for more than \$157 million, in their Impressionist & Modern Art evening sale Monday, May 14, 2018.

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Night" and O'Keeffe "Lake George with White Birch" each fetched over \$11 million. Modigliani's painting, which had the highest pre-auction estimate at \$150

million, was still well short of the record for the most expensive painting ever sold. Leonardo da Vinci's "Salvator Mundi" sold last year at Christie's for \$450 million. □

The tormented souls of Schrader's 'First Reformed'

By LINDSEY BAHR

Harrowing, but with a wry humor, and utterly transporting, Paul Schrader has synthesized his complex religious upbringing with modern anxieties into a trenchant portrait of tormented souls in "First Reformed."

The title is the name of the church in the film, a modest but stately structure in upstate New York that's older than the United States, but you'd hardly know that it's nearing its 250th anniversary with the bright white walls and well-preserved pews. First Reformed is led by Reverend Toller (Ethan Hawke), a man in his late 40s who drinks too much and cares for himself too little and who has promised to tell the honest truth of himself, his doubts, his anxieties, his shortcomings, even his typos in a handwritten diary for one year, which he'll burn after the experiment is over.

Toller is a solitary man who spends his nights alone with a bottle of whiskey and his thoughts and writing, which we're invited to access through voiceover. His days aren't much different, and he barely even gets respite from his own mind while giving sermons — First Reformed seems to only have about five parishioners, one of whom is his ex-wife. However, she, like most of



This image released by A24 shows Ethan Hawke, left, and Amanda Seyfried in a scene from "First Reformed."

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the town, actually belongs to the local mega-church Abundant Life, run by Pastor Jeffers (Cedric Kyles). Thus it must come as a sort of relief to get a true challenge and an opportunity to work with the people he's there to serve when one day Mary (Amanda Seyfried) asks Toller to speak with her husband Michael (Philip Ettinger). Michael is a radical environmentalist so certain of the earth's imminent destruction that he'd rather terminate his

wife's pregnancy than bring a child into a decaying world. (He's also got a vest outfitted with explosives stashed in his shop). Although Mary considers herself an environmentalist, she would also like to keep the child and get rid of the vest. As a lifelong churchgoer, she puts her trust in Toller to help.

But despite Toller's sincere efforts, Michael still resorts to suicide soon after in a way that ensures Toller will discover his body.

It's this event that sends Toller down very different path in the lead up to the 250th anniversary celebration. He begins to question his own faith and belief in hope and the future as it relates to what humans are doing to the earth and the systems around him that preach righteousness while enabling polluters and taking their cash in the process. He has his own ghosts to contend with, and personal demons, and we as the audience get an up

close look at a man's spiral — whether it's to elevated consciousness or paranoid insanity is a question that Schrader lets hang.

Schrader's movie is a talky one, but the words are precise and compelling and the images entrancing, whether it's Pepto-Bismol swirling into a tumbler of whiskey or an urgent fly-over of bleak industrial landscapes. While there are obvious shades of his previous works, including his most famous script "Taxi Driver," "First Reformed" also feels more mature and studied — a culmination of a lifetime of examining the human condition, with a perfect vessel to convey those ideas in Hawke.

As Toller, Hawke delivers one the best performances of his career. He carries the film and all its complex ideas on his shoulders, which is a burden that visibly wears on him as the story progresses and as he becomes more alienated. If there are weak spots, it is perhaps in the writing of the women who seem to be more symbols than characters. Mary is the angelic, blonde, pious and pregnant one there to inspire passion in Toller, and Esther (Victoria Hill), the ex, is the brunette, prim and overbearing one there to torment him as a reminder of their past. □

Dutch researchers uncover dirty jokes in Anne Frank's diary

By **MIKE CORDER**

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) —

Researchers using digital technology deciphered the writing on two pages of Anne Frank's diary that she had covered over with brown masking paper, discovering four naughty jokes and a candid explanation of sex, contraception and prostitution.

"Anyone who reads the passages that have now been discovered will be unable to suppress a smile," said Frank van Vree, director of the Netherlands Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies. "The 'dirty' jokes are classics among growing children. They make it clear that Anne, with all her gifts, was above all also an ordinary girl." Anne, age 13 at the time, wrote the two pages on Sept. 28, 1942, less than three months after she, her family and another Jewish family went into hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex behind a canal-side house in Amsterdam.

Later on, possibly fearing prying eyes or no longer liking what she had written, she covered them over with brown paper, and their content remained a tantalizing mystery for decades. It turns out the pages contained four jokes about sex that Anne herself described as "dirty" and an explanation of women's sexual development, sex, contraception and prostitution. "They bring us



Teresien da Silva, left, and Ronald Leopold of the Anne Frank Foundation show a facsimile of Anne Frank's diary with two pages taped off during a press conference at the foundation's office in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

even closer to the girl and the writer Anne Frank," Ronald Leopold, executive director of the Anne Frank House museum, said Tuesday. Experts on Anne's multimillion-selling diary said the newly discovered text, when studied together with the rest of her journal, reveals more about her development as a writer than it does about her interest in sex.

Anne wrote candidly in other parts of her diary about her burgeoning sexuality, her anatomy and her impending period. Those passages were censored by her

father before the diary was first published in 1947 but became available in more recent unabridged editions. Leopold said the newly deciphered material provides an early example of how Anne "creates a fictional situation that makes it easier for her to address the sensitive topics that she writes about." In her diary, for example, she addressed entries to a fictional friend named Kitty. The institutions involved in the latest research said that because of copyright issues, it is unclear whether the passages will be incorporated into new

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editions. The deciphering was done by researchers from the Anne Frank museum, the Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Huygens Institute of Netherlands History.

They photographed the pages, backlit by a flash, and then used image-processing software to decipher the words, which were hard read because they were jumbled up with the writing on the reverse sides of the pages.

In the passage on sex, Anne described how a young woman gets her period around age 14, saying that it is "a sign that she is ripe to have relations

with a man but one doesn't do that of course before one is married." On prostitution, she wrote: "All men, if they are normal, go with women, women like that accost them on the street and then they go together. In Paris they have big houses for that. Papa has been there." One of her jokes was this: "Do you know why the German Wehrmacht girls are in Holland? As mattresses for the soldiers."

She also related this joke: "A man had a very ugly wife and he didn't want to have relations with her. One evening he came home and then he saw his friend in bed with his wife, then the man said: 'He gets to and I have to!!!'"

Anne wrote her diary while she and her family hid for more than two years during World War II. The family went into hiding in July 1942 and remained there, provided with food and other essentials by a close-knit group of helpers, until Aug. 4, 1944, when they were discovered and ultimately deported to Auschwitz. Only Anne's father, Otto Frank, survived the war. Anne and her sister died in Bergen-Belsen camp. Anne was 15. After the war, Otto Frank had his daughter's diary published, and it went on to become a symbol of hope and resilience that has been translated into dozens of languages. The house where the Franks hid was turned into a museum that is one of Amsterdam's most popular tourist attractions. □



A video shows the text underneath two taped off pages from Anne Frank's diary during a press conference at The Anne Frank Foundation's office in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, May 15, 2018.



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